

Dear Board,

Cycles of drought have been a pattern throughout California's history. With climate change, we seem to be heading into an era of megafires and "megadrought."

I know you are discussing phasing in caps of 1-2 acres. My question to you: After a year or two of good rain and snow pack, when you permit these larger grows, what happens when we return to a state of severe drought? When people have spent hundreds of thousand of dollars buying property, setting up their grows, what happens when the water situation again becomes untenable?

The CalFire well is showing signs of going dry now, *before expansion*. I have a friend who is showering here and filling up 10 5-gallon buckets at a time to take home to do her dishes and water her pets (she dispatched her livestock) because her well is dry. *Before expansion*. She is not the only person I know whose well is failing due to the unpermitted grows that the sheriff has indicated he will be unable to stop for 3 to 5 years.

If there are areas that have the water to support larger grows, fine. Our community does not. Please do not include Covelo/Round Valley in your expansion plans.

Thank you,
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