

Hello,

I am a Anderson Valley home owner and tax payer that lives in range land, volunteer fire fighter and EMT that has been following the recent debate about expansion of the cannabis ordinances and regulations.

I know the county is strapped for cash. But, could you deal with the 1100 current growers in Mendo County before expanding into the unknown? the 90% of unpermitted growers? Set policy for those people before going after bigger fish. If you can't handle the "small fish" growers you already have do you really think you can handle the huge commercial sharks?

California is experiencing a major drought. One that scientist say is just the beginning of years more of suffering. Cannabis uses way too much water! Growers use too many chemicals!

And, on top of all that there is the impact on the communities, the small towns and neighborhoods that are already impacted by the grow lights, erosion, odor, trash, noise pollution, traffic on our stressed dirt roads, and the unsavory element that cannabis cultivation attracts. We can't handle any more.

Solve the problems you already have before expanding. If you can get all the growers you have in the county into current regulations, stop moving the goal posts, stop raising fees, stop creating unreachable goals, stop adding more fees, and get them all registered, you'd have a good consistent cash flow and you could then take the time to do an EIR and expand carefully and correctly. The current problems are not going to go away just because you invite more people with deeper pockets to the party.

STOP being UGLY and GREEDY. Be SMART and KIND instead.

Sincerely, Tina Walter
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