

- PLEASE to **not approve the retroactive Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) with Wildlife Services.** Instead, approve a 90-day notice to terminate.
- I am a Mendocino County resident and oppose the ineffectiveness and cruelty of Wildlife Services' lethal methods. I don't want my taxpayer dollars spent on an expensive and ineffective program that senselessly kills wild animals at the behest of private interests.
- I want the county to provide a non-lethal exclusion service and education to effectively protect property and wildlife. Many cost-effective non-lethal methods exist.

THE COST OF LETHAL METHODS

- Reactive — generally used after livestock is killed
- Rarely target offending animal
- Disrupt predator social structures, which can lead to increased conflicts with livestock
- Can lead to an increase in rodent/rabbit populations
- Often inhumane, causing pain and suffering
- Labor intensive — requires ongoing killing as predator populations rebound
- Snares, poisons and body-gripping traps can injure or kill non target animals, including pets and livestock
- Can negatively impact ecosystems

THE VALUE OF NONLETHAL METHODS

- Proactive — prevent losses before they occur
- More humane
- Offer long term cost effectiveness
- Less harmful to ecosystems
- Allow predators to control rodent/rabbit populations
- Depending on types used, can provide long term 24/7 protection
- Often more cost-effective
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- Thank you, Elaine Charkowski