

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

I'm a longtime rancher and timber owner at Royal Redwood Ranch near Comptche, and for 33 years my late wife and I ran a business here that brought money into the county from all over California, from over 20 other states, and from 10 foreign countries on 3 different continents.

I write now to urge you to rescind the ill-considered, "irresponsible and unpopular" cannabis ordinance CCAO 22.18 — and save the County the expense, time and trouble of an election on the citizens' referendum to overturn the ordinance, the People's Referendum to Save Our Water, Wildlife and Way of Life.

There are many, many reasons to rescind this ordinance, and since you apparently are not aware of them all, I urge each of you and all of you to educate yourselves on them all.

"Growing the economy" and the greedy desire for money, money, money by the Board and by those backing this ill-advised ordinance should never be the overriding consideration in any decision. Taken together, all the other factors are far more important, chief among them water, current and future droughts, and the environment.

Again, I urge you to do the right thing and rescind this faulty ordinance.

Very sincerely yours,

Joe Ayres
Comptche