

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to extend the portal deadline for another 60 days, and remove the deadline for applications that are submitted in the portal. I understand MCP is understaffed and there are no new applications; therefore, farmers who already submitted to the portal should be able to fix and resubmit deficiency documents without worrying about the deadline. MCP should fully assist applicants towards the permitting process.

Recently, one of our supervisors took 45 days off for personal well-being which I totally agree and I think it is very important for our mental and physical health. However, will MCP take farmers' well-being into concern? With this deadline approaching, farmers are hyper stressed and it feels like we have been placed in the Squid Game. It feels like our county is purposely failing us. Please keep in mind, we have invested our whole livelihood in this and without your willingness to help, we will not survive.

I also fully support MCA and CCAG memo for today's meeting.

Sincerely,
Jessica Harness