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Mendocino BOS,

An arbitrary end date was created for the new-portal submissions.

The timeframe, 90 days, is during harvest season, the most important time of year for small farms in Mendocino.

Just a few of the portal problems:

*After filling out the questionnaire, an answer cannot be changed by the applicant if answered incorrectly.

*When a form requires additional supporting documentation, the supporting information must be combined into one PDF.

*There are no examples of documentation for the Sensitive Species Habitat questionnaire. A generator noise management plan is required without providing an example of what the plan requires.

*Artificial Light Management Plan is missing an example, as well. It's not available online in the forms area, where it should exist.

The county says they provide examples of all of the forms online, but they don't.

*When the cannabis program is responding via email, the responses are being sent back anonymously. It doesn't include the name of the staff who is responding. This seems like it's to avoid any responsibility.

Regarding after the 90-day window is closed: The Cannabis Program shared that if an application is submitted on the last day, and changes are required, but the changes don't happen within the 90 days of the portal being open, the applicant is kicked out of the program.

What's the justification?

Portal submissions are open for 90 days. Day 1 and Day 90 applicants should get treated exactly the same because that's what makes sense.

How it's currently set for implementation for applicants is nonsense. It's unjust and unfair.

All applicants should have the opportunity to have their files reviewed with the same process, no matter at what point during the 90 day window of submitting documents said documents are submitted.

Thank you,

Marnie Birger

10/18/2021

I support the CCAG (Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group) memo that has been submitted to the BOS regarding the portal and request that you do too.

Thank you, Marnie Birger