

To: Mendocino Planning Commission (pbs@mendocinocounty.org)

cc: Mendocino Board of Supervisors, Mendocino Sheriff, Willits Weekly, Mendocino County Observer Mendo County Observer

Re: Cannabis Expansion Ordinance

I would think the strong resistance already exhibited toward the Cannabis Expansion Ordinance would have shown bright light on the fact that the current process is big trouble for Mendocino County. Before you vote, can you answer the following questions?

- 1) Who started the last minute stampede to beat the July 1 loophole deadline and allow growers to avoid environmental impact review?
- 2) Why are county officials scheduling a merry-go-round of meetings in order to slip through that loophole?
- 3) Would proper environmental impact reviews and oversight have lessened the devastating water emergency we now face?
- 4) Why would any public official, commission or board knowingly cut off environmental impact reviews that protect the health and safety of their citizens?
- 5) Does the county currently have the planners and enforcement personnel they need to deal with our existing situation?
- 6) How long will it take to recruit, train, and deploy the personnel needed?
- 7) Is there a current strategy to keep and maintain the personnel we have and/or train?
- 8) What are the consequences of making our water and wildfire problems bigger?

If you are not satisfied with the answers, you can be sure that more questions will follow. Our wildfires and drought conditions have educated those of us caught in the evacuations, smoke, dry lakes, disappearing streams and choked rivers. We will continue to ask why you are ignoring the science, statistics and recommendations of your staff, our Sheriff, the Farm Bureau, ranchers, environmentalists, and constituents. It just doesn't make sense!

Sincerely,
Sandra Mullen

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