

Greetings to the Planning Commission,

I will keep this really concise and make my point in as few words as possible. I am commenting from the perspective of a long-standing, approved/annual/licensed cultivator (permit since 2017) on Rangeland located in Redwood Valley... Long-term, regenerative and sustainable farm, outdoor and in-ground only.

1. **Please follow the recommendations of the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance** including capping expansion to 1 acre until such time as we have more clarity on the impact it might have on the community and environment. 10% is not necessary immediately. Let the new cannabis farmers get their experience with this new crop on a smaller scale, it is not like growing anything else, trust the experience of the legacy farmers who will concur.

2. **I whole-heartedly support the ban on hoop houses and green houses** and the negative effect they have on the night sky and environment.

3. **Please ignore the bizarre and self-serving recommendation of Supervisor McGourty regarding the Rangeland qualifications of “tilling and Irrigation”. It is so blatantly biased towards the wine industry that it is insulting.** This makes no sense and is just a recipe for lawsuits. I have neighbors on rangeland that have used it for livestock grazing for years which is an agricultural activity. They have the dream of possibly applying for a cultivation permit and I don't see why they should be curtailed unfairly. Rangeland is Rangeland, there are a myriad of microclimates and topography and more importantly, it might possibly be the last type of zoning uncontaminated by the chemicals of typical agriculture such as grape growing. The future cannabis product will not pass the rigorous testing required if it is grown on contaminated soil or in a “blow over” zone on Ag land. Ask the frustrated growers in Salinas and Santa Barbara. Why is this not being discussed?

All of the proposed cultivation projects should be subject to the same “Use” permit approvals by the commission and as such I assume they will be well vetted for any environmental or community issues.

4. **Please support, however you can, any enforcement activities and approve such.** Without the elimination of the illegal grows the future is not bright for the valuable Mendocino cannabis brand.

5. **I congratulate and support all of your previous recommendations for the Facilities Ordinance** that you discussed at your last meeting. Please vote to adopt them as written.

Thank you for all of your time and attention,
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