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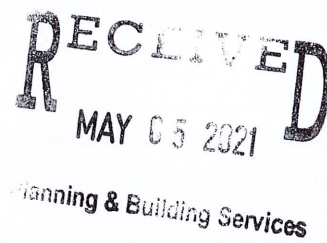
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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I find it absolutely astonishing that Mendocino County's BOS (with the notable exception of John Haschak, who represents my district) think this is a good time to expand cannabis cultivation when wells are running dry throughout the county. Indeed, when Gov. Newsom takes it straight to Lake Mendocino to declare emergency drought conditions, I would think this gives a clue about how drastic the water situation is and will continue to be.

Further, I have seen it estimated that 98% of the residents of Mendo county do not want the proposed expansion whatsoever.

Is the Board of Supervisors pushing the Planning Commission to recommend or compromise with their demand for cannabis expansion? If so, this is a run around the state requirements of an EIR and site-specific CEQA. It is the responsibility of the Supervisors and the Planning Commissioners to carefully consider that their actions must be in the best interests of the citizens of Mendocino County.

I urge you and the other commissioners to send a clear message back to the supervisors that you recommend no expansion of crop area at this time, no intrusion into rangeland and no greenhouses/hoop houses allowed. The future of our beautiful Mendocino County is in your hands.

What we need from our Planning Commissioners at this moment are prudence, wisdom and the courage to see that the right actions are taken.

Yours truly,
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