

To whom it may concern in regards to Humboldt County's draft EIR for cannabis regulations.

Attn: Steve Lazar

Thank you for opening the process and allowing public comment on this industry that has been in the shadows for years. As you continue to rework the framework and rules for cannabis lets not lose site of the people that founded this movement before I was born. I feel "mom and pop" 2000sqft or less outdoor / light dep without artificial lighting should not have to adhere to all these extra county decided regulatory rules. If you want more farmers to step forward please think of these "back to the land" community minded people.

I hope that the county prioritizes the already existing applications before any new permit is granted under these new proposed regulations. The county would be able to get more compliance if the "in the process" applications were issued conditional permits (to help law enforcement tell who is in compliance) issue these with conditional benchmarks of things to be done in 12 months 24 months ect so its clear to the county and farmers of what needs to be done.

As far as the new proposed regulations I oppose the theory of all farm roads are to be paved when a good portion of the county maintained roads do not even meet this criteria. Also the county has many failed slides and culverts that wouldn't meet the waterboard discharge requirements.

I feel limiting farmers ability to pump from wells during certain months is an unfair business practice when no other part of the agriculture industry is currently regulated in this manner.

The county excluding any new cannabis activity on any TPZ or timber property is also unfair if with current law you can legally convert timberland for any other agricultural use. I feel there are many homesteaders with TPZ that take better care of the land than previous damage and mess left behind by logging. The farm would be a small footprint in the forest if done correctly with proper sloping ,roads,water and sanitary services.

If we want to make this industry successful it needs to be treated as a legitimate industry on a county employee level, as well as these regulatory agencies. If there is something out of compliance issue citations and fines don't chop down the farmers ability to pay these fines. Yes some people will game the system but once this industry is treated in a professional manner more people will comply and law enforcement will have an easier job to depict what is ok and not.

Thank You,

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