



November 27, 2018

State Water Resources Control Board  
Attention: Jeanine Townsend  
1001 1 Street 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95469

Re: Proposed Updates to the Cannabis Cultivation Policy

Honorable Water Resources Control Board Members:

I am currently a compliant small cannabis farmer in Mendocino County. I have obtained the following licences: County Annual Cultivation Licenses (2 for 10,000 square feet for my two legal parcels), Temporary State Cultivation Licenses (two Small), Distribution- Self Transport Only, Sellers Permit, Weightmaster's Permit, etc. etc.

I am 72 years old, and have spent the last 3 years at Board of Supervisor's meetings, struggling to understand Online Portals, and rapidly reducing my retirement fund in the hopes of preserving the culture, livelihood, and economic success of Mendocino County, not to mention the decades of expertise and knowledge that we small farmers have achieved.

A week ago I was seriously ready to throw in the towel, in order to maintain my quality of life, my bank account, and my sanity. I predict 40% of the few compliant small farmers like myself in this state will drop out within the year, if changes are not made in both rules and fee structures and enforcement.

I can find no sustainable path to a viable and profitable business, given the current prices and the complete lack of enforcement by our county Sheriff or by DOJ of the vast majority of our farmers who remain non-complaint. Because of this, I sense that the prices will drop even lower for the 2019 harvest

I tell you all of this as background in the hopes of letting you know who is writing this letter to you.

Many – no most – of my serious complaints lie with CDFW, not with the Water Board, so I ask your patience if the two issues tend to get inextricably woven together.

1. Cannabis policy on water issues needs to be coordinated between several State Agencies, most importantly between The Water Resources Control Board and the CDFW. The Riparian rights on my land, long established by your Department of Water Resources, have now been taken away specifically and solely because I grow cannabis. I was in a Conference room in Ukiah CA with both agencies, going back and forth like a yo yo, between the two desks,

other Agencies, all adding contradictory rules, I urge and ask you to sit down, **together**, and reach consensus on what is fair, equitable, and consistent regarding water use and regulations for a small cannabis farmer.

Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns and comments.

Respectfully,

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