Public Comment Cannabis General Order Deadline: 9/6/17 by 12 noon

From: <u>Cam</u>

To: <u>commentletters</u>

Subject: Please don"t change the current guidelines for cannabis

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Hello my name is Cameron McCall I'm trying to start a small cannabis farm in trinity county. I'm currently enrolled in the north coast regional water quality control board and have been for a few months now in which I qualified for by the narrowest of margins. The terrain here is steep with few valleys that meet the requirements set forth by ncrwqcb. I have spent the last two years all of my savings and countless man hours tailoring my farm to adhere to the current guidelines. I'm respectfully requesting that you allow farms that have already enrolled in the ncrwqcb to be grandfathered in and allow us a grace period of up to 5 years while you come up with permanent regulations. This has been a unregulated industry for many years and for you to over regulate people that care about the rivers forests and wildlife that want to be good stewards of the land and not destroy water quality I feel is a huge mistake on your part. I also feel that it's unfair to take the current analysis of water quality and discharge reports because there are a lot of large cannabis cultivation sites that don't care about the environment that use chemicals/pesticides for farming that don't have sanitary conditions or proper habitations and have been operating unregulated for many years that's how our streams and river have become so polluted.

With less stringent regulations more farmers will get on board with sustainable farming and the water will get cleaner so please don't over regulate a fledgling industry out of existence all that will accomplish is it will feed the black market and public land grows.we have wonderful communities here with not a lot of industry to sustain the great people that reside in trinity county.

In conclusion please allow current nerwqcb enrollees some time to come into compliance with new regulations or better yet please keep the regulations as is

Sincerely Cameron McCall Whispering pines farm Hayfork ca thank you for your time

Sent from my iPad