

To: Supervisors Crandell, Sabatier, Simon, Scott and Pyska

cc: Carol Huchingson, Anita Grant, Mary Darby

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Re: BOS Agenda Item 6.9 on 4/12/2022 - Consideration of Interim Urgency Ordinance

As residents of Lake County, we strongly support an Interim Urgency Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on New Agricultural and Cannabis Projects.

The amount of land conversion for both vineyards and cannabis has been increasing at an alarming rate, with some projects removing vineyards to put in cannabis. Applicant hydrology reports tout more than ample water supplies, despite local wells going dry.

This is now compounded by water shortages. In fact, Yolo County Flood Control District issued a letter in February informing there will be no irrigation releases for 2022.

While some cannabis applicants may be unhappy with a moratorium, those that are not at the Clearinghouse stage would not likely get their projects in front of the Planning Commission before the 2022 growing season is over. The emergency ordinance will provide time to look at the facts and make informed decisions before 2023.

We hope the Lake County Drought Task Force and Community Development Department will together be able to address these issues during the cannabis ordinance rewrite.

We applaud Supervisor Sabatier for bringing this crucial issue to the forefront. We respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors fully endorse all aspects of this request by voting for the moratorium, sending a letter to Governor Newsom, providing new direction to the Lake County Drought Task Force on drought guidelines and continue the discussion on future drought actions.

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