Public Comment Cannabis Policy and Staff Report Deadline: 9/6/17 by 12 noon

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Gentlemen: As you know, our aquatic ecosystems and fisheries are under extreme stress due to the "legal" and illegal cannabis grows here in Humboldt Co. I fully support your regulation of all types of water sources and streams where water extraction from these sources for cannabis grows takes place. In addition to your proposed regulations of water extractions, please include enforcement regulations and funding to implement on-the-ground enforcement. Without adequate enforcement of your regulations, the regulations are meaningless. The illegal cannabis grows far outnumber the "permitted" grows by the hundreds, if not thousands. Please make note of these illegal grows in your Report and provide means to stop these grows and penalties for breaking the laws and regulations. I think enforcement of the laws and regulations will be your biggest challenge, so make sure that is stressed in your implementation plan.

/s/ Ernie DeGraff, Fortuna, CA