



Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

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Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas St.
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Dear Supervisors:

RE: Industrial Hemp Moratorium

The Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee voted (8 to 0) during their November 13, 2019 meeting to recommend that the Board of Supervisors extend the current moratorium on industrial hemp cultivation within the county until related public safety and other issues are resolved.

While the farming of industrial hemp may bring economic benefits to local growers, recent criminal activities near hemp fields have jeopardized rural safety and quality of life. The Committee also has concerns regarding water use and odor of this new crop, law enforcement costs, and zoning and security of hemp fields. For these reasons, the Committee supports an extension of the moratorium until these issues can be fully addressed.

Sincerely,

Russ Lester

AAC Chair on behalf of the AAC Members