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Hi Charlene,

Good news with the affirmation of Hemp in California by A.B.45! Now El Dorado County can participate with confidence in implementing a Hemp Cultivation Program and nurturing the County Hemp Industry establishment in 2022. The Ag Commission will review An Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Proposal this Wednesday.

One of the Key points of the Recommendation that needs reexamination and change is Key Point VI:

Fees and Bond for destruction plan. Rather than immediately establishing a fee structure, I would recommend monitoring only during the first year of the Pilot Program in 2022, for the following reasons:

1. "Hot " crops are not statically significant nationally, as only 8% of all Hemp planted resulted as "Hot'. In 2022, I would estimate only myself and a few others would be willing to cultivate Industrial Hemp. In 2019 and 2020, there were no incidents of in-county "hot' crops. There will be no large acreages cultivated here, therefore no large problems.
2. The integrity of the grower as a responsible farmer should be recognized in good faith by the County.
3. The CDFA Hemp Cultivation Regulations already include this destruction plan and execution requirement. An additional costly, county requirement is redundant.
4. The industry is undeveloped, biomass prices are low and El Dorado County has injured the development momentum of the industry. In addition to the few that will participate, the immediate increase of fees and growing expenses will injure the Industrial Hemp Industry's establishment. Therefore, rather than immediately setting fees, a monitoring to inform policy and regulations during and/or after the pilot program based on feedback and data is best