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***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTE "NOT TO RECONSIDER"
MARIJUANA POSSESSION AND CULTIVATION GUIDELINES***

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At the August 14, Board meeting the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted "not to reconsider" the Marijuana Possession and Cultivation Guidelines they established at their previous meeting. Supervisor David Colfax, 5th District, who requested the reconsideration, claimed that they had been too hasty in setting a limit on the amount of dry marijuana a person may possess.

"The amount of dry marijuana cannot be determined from Measure G." Supervisor Colfax reasoned, "It was the end of the day, we were tired, call it a senior moment, but we did this too quickly."

However, other Supervisors argued that clear guidelines were necessary, and that debate would simply reopen a discussion that was never going to satisfy everyone, "It's too much, too little, we can talk about it all day, but I guarantee that every member of law enforcement, every sheriff, everyone involved, knows 25 and 2." Supervisor John Pinches, 3rd District, asserted.

Chair Kendall Smith, 4th District, agreed that further discussion would probably yield ambivalent results, but responded to the public perception that the discussion was overly limited by the Board's opening comments the week before, "I think in terms of the credibility of the Board with the public, I will vote to reconsider, but it was no intent of the Board to limit the discussion."