



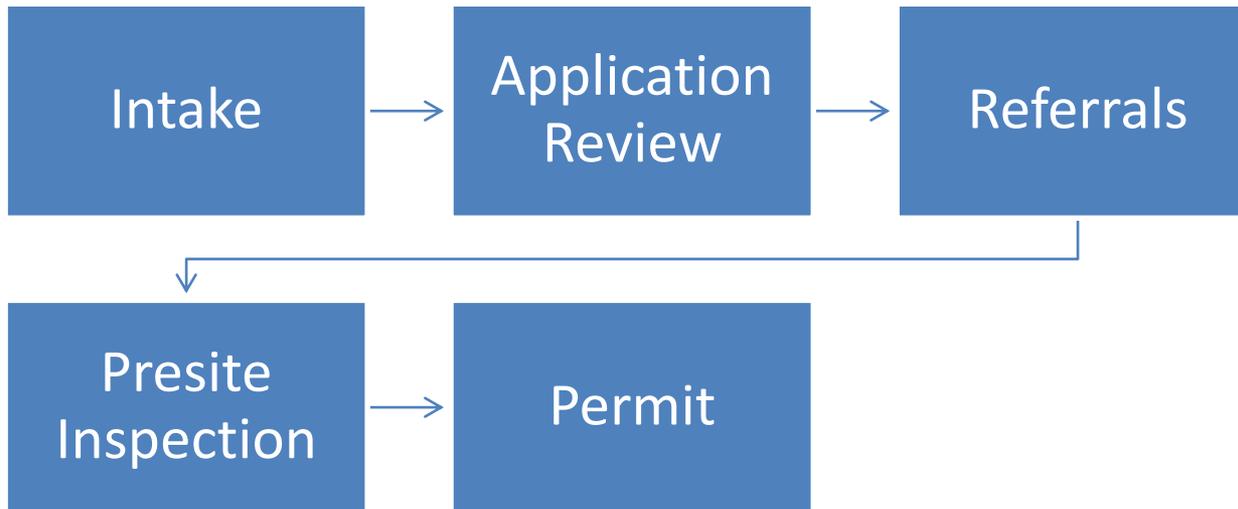
Department of Agriculture

Update, Discussion, and Request for Direction Regarding the Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Program

July 18, 2017

What you asked for:

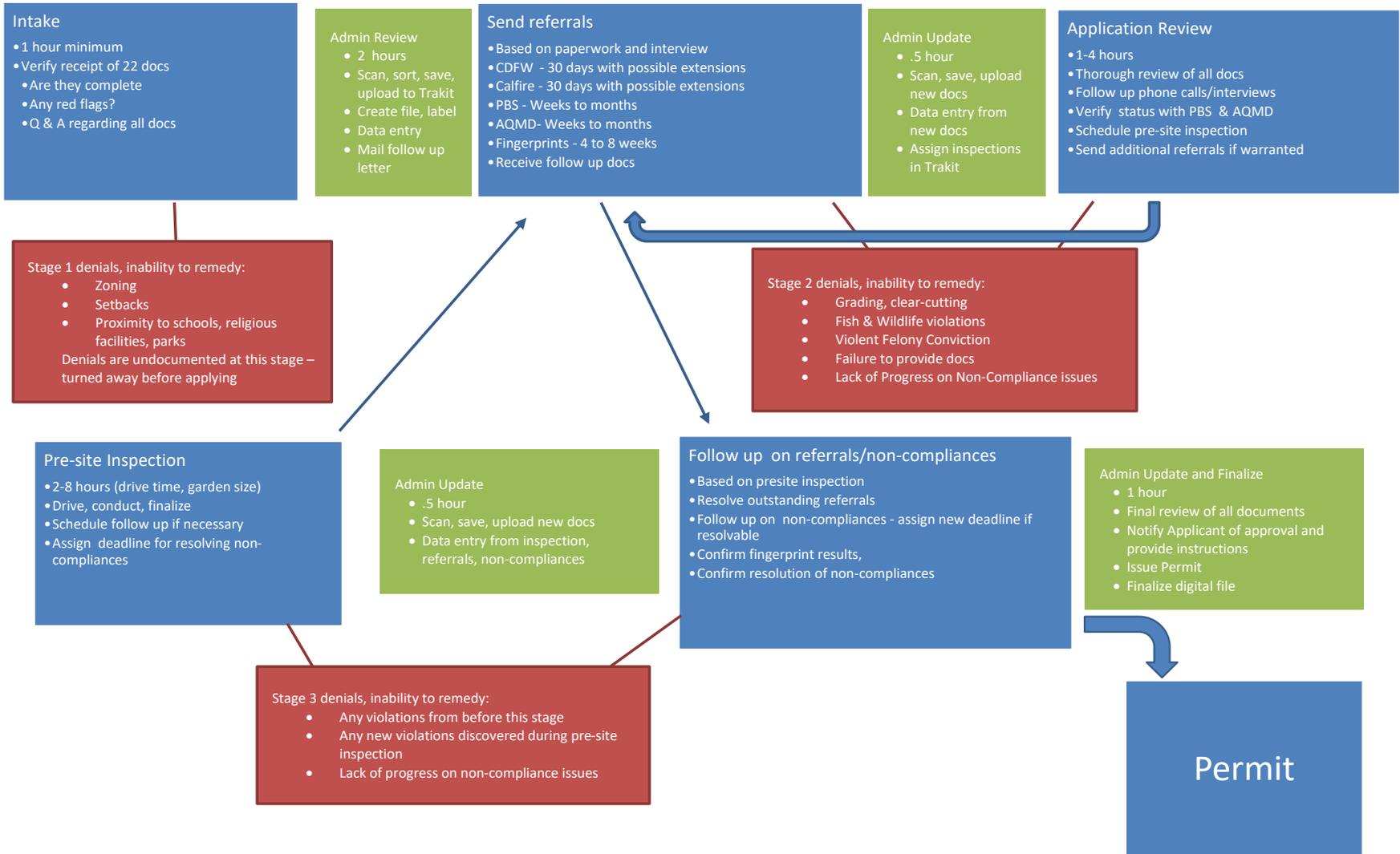
Clear Cut Approvals



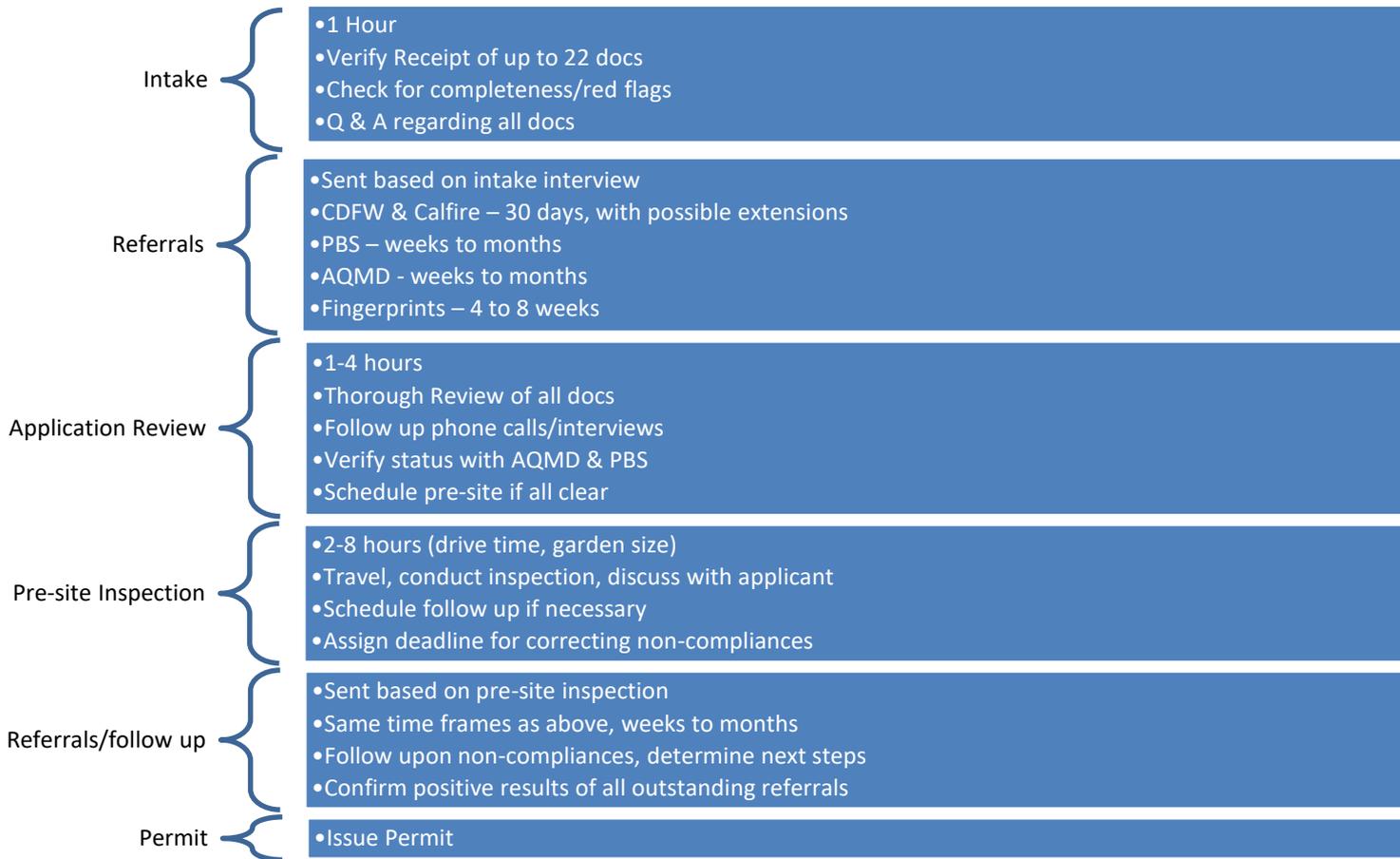
Clear Cut Denials

Any Violation at any point in the process that cannot be corrected. Including clear cutting of trees, unpermitted grading, CDFW or CalFire violations, and/or inability to meet setbacks.

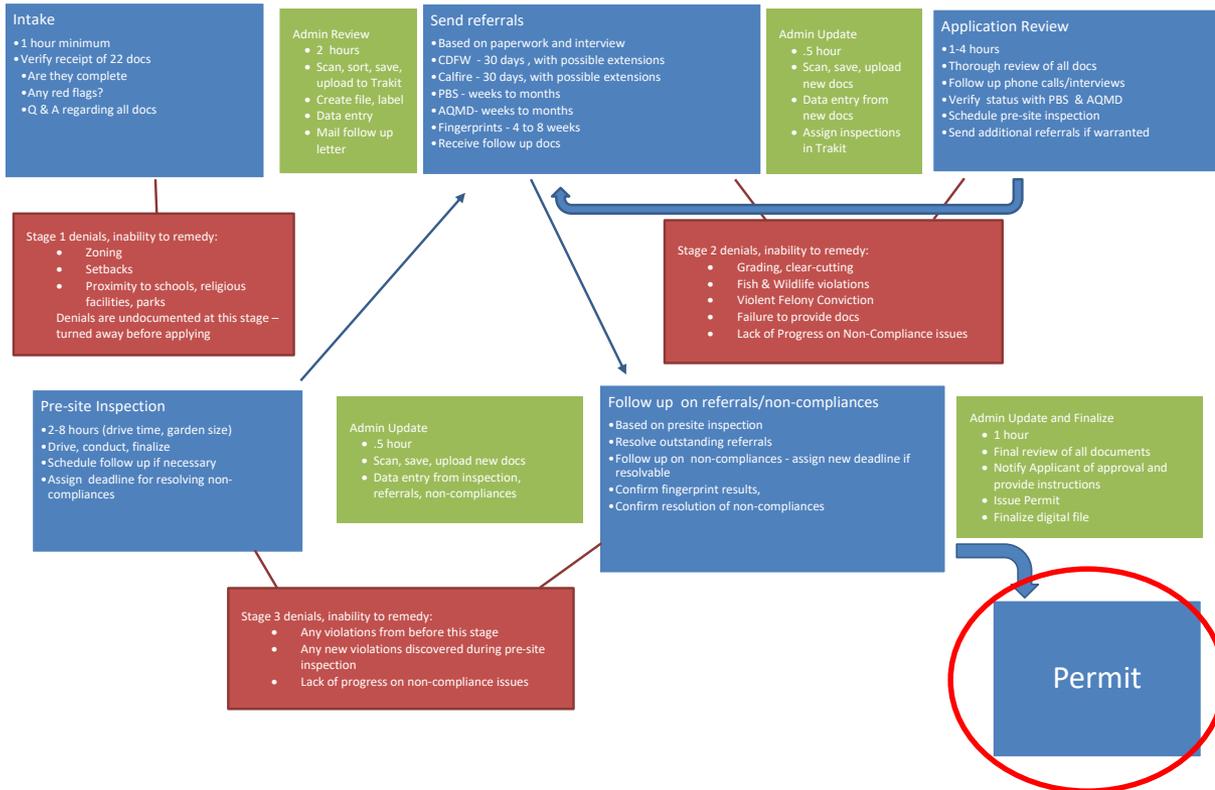
Reality



Streamlined Reality

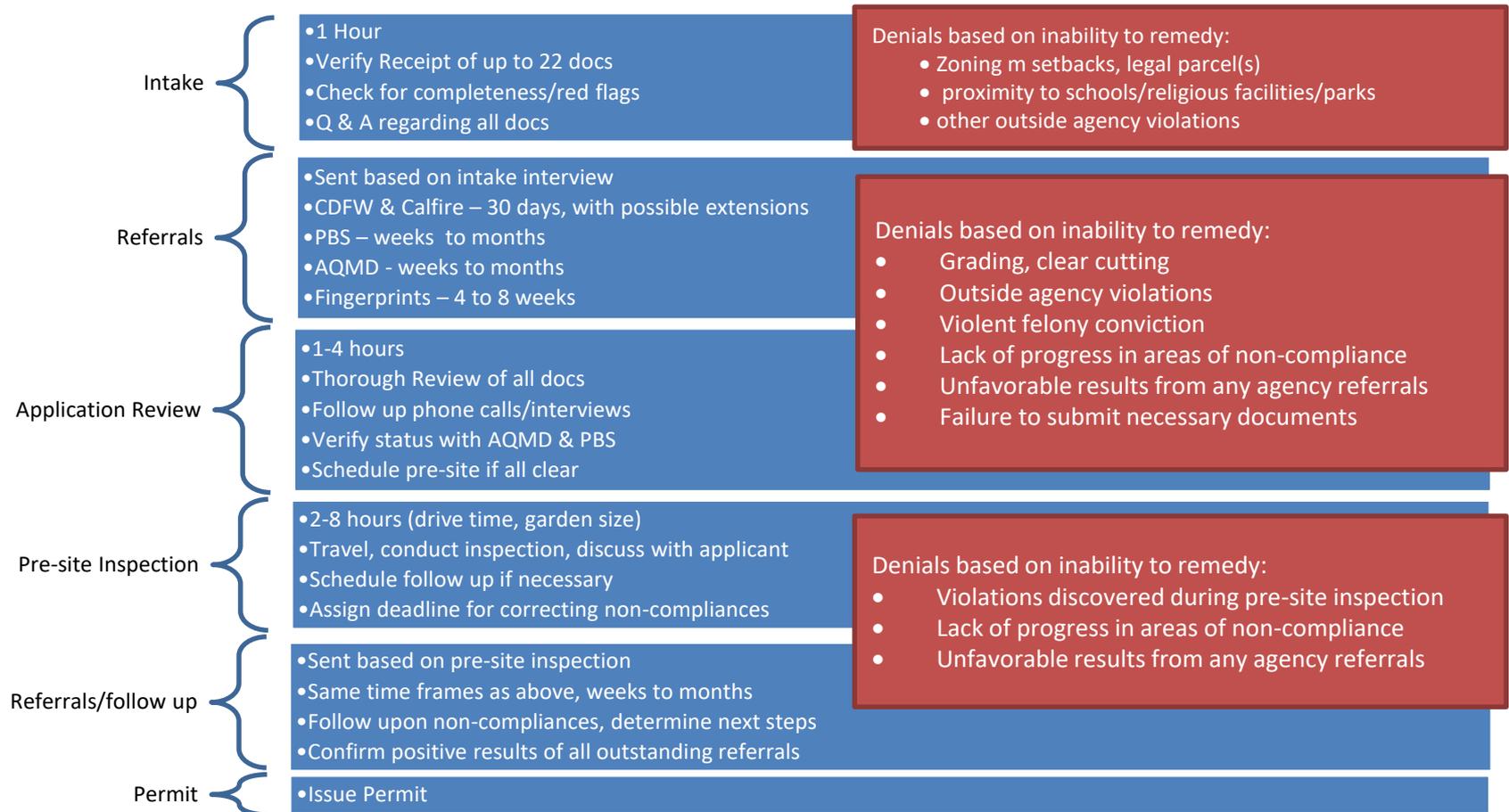


Approvals can not happen until the end of the process



Section 10A.17.060 - The following medical cannabis cultivation Permit types may be applied for and granted provided the applicant and the legal parcel that contains the cultivation site are **determined to be in compliance with all applicable conditions of this Chapter and Mendocino County Code Chapter 20.242.**

Denials can happen anywhere in the process



What to do?

- Create an actual “Zoning Clearance” process
 - Before Application to AG
 - Determine legal parcels, zoning, and acreage
- Allow permits to be issued after pre-site, but before all referrals are returned or cleared
 - Particularly for 9.31 and urgency ordinance cultivators
 - Base decisions on severity of non-compliance and ability to correct
- All permits are provisional
 - If a violation is discovered that cannot be corrected, permit is revoked
- Make allowances for “Past Practice”
 - Drying sheds
 - 9.31 and urgency ordinance participants

Proposed Process



Keep in Mind

- This is a temporary situation
 - Renewals won't require referrals to other agencies unless changes are made to site
 - Administrative time will be reduced for renewals
 - Inspections will be more timely for renewals