



The General Government Committee met on Monday, June 20, 2016, at 9:09 a.m. with the following members present: Supervisors Brown and Gjerde; Committee Chair Brown presiding.

Staff present: Mr. Alan D. Flora, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Christopher D. Shaver, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Ms. Nicole French, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**(1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A MEDICAL CANNABIS TAX MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT IN MENDOCINO COUNTY**  
*(Referred from the June 8, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting)*

**Presenter/s:** Mr. Alan D. Flora, Assistant Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Julia Carrera and Ms. Corrine Powell.

**Points of Discussion:**

- Timelines are narrow but could move forward if presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on July 12, 2016;
- It would be ideal to move forward with the taxation at the same time as a revised cannabis cultivation ordinance;
- A simplified tax structure is preferred;
- Feasibility of tax rates to be established in phases.

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to present an item regarding cannabis taxation at the July 12, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, presenting at least two options for cannabis taxation.

**(2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR JULY 8, 2016**

**Presenter/s:** Supervisor Brown.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to schedule a special meeting of the General Government Committee on July 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

**(3) PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A DRAFT MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION ORDINANCE AND MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION SITE ZONING AMENDMENT AND PROPOSAL OF A SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**  
*(Referred from the June 7, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting)*

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Sarah Dukett, Administrative Analyst, Executive Office; Mr. Chuck

Morse, Agricultural Inspector/Sealer of Weights and Measures, Agriculture; Mr. Andy Gustavson, Chief Planner, Planning and Building Services; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Mr. Matthew Kiedrowski, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Micah Flause; Mr. Joshua Keats; Ms. Sarah Bodnar; Ms. Susan Schindler; Ms. Corrine Powell; Mr. Kris Harris; Mr. Alan Harris; Ms. Julia Carrera; Mr. David Leppert; Mr. Mark Shaffer; and Ms. Devon Jones.

**Points of Discussion:**

- Review of California laws related to cannabis use and cultivation;
- Review of Mendocino County ordinance history related to cannabis cultivation;
- An RFP has been issued regarding a track and trace program, staff anticipates having a program in place by the end of October 2016;
- Zoning considerations for smaller parcels;
- Zoning considerations for timber land parcels;
- Requirement of a dwelling unit for cottage permits;
- Inclusion of industrial zoning areas for cannabis cultivation;
- CalFire should be consulted with regarding cannabis cultivation on lands currently zoned for timber production;
- Parcel definition, legal parcel versus APN; legal parcel preferred;
- Number of permits allowed per legal parcel and per individual;
- Permits for entities previously cultivating on TPZ zoned parcels, preference to cultivation prior to January 1, 2016;
- Setback requirements, waivers, and difficulty with enforcement;
- Agreement with previous Board of Supervisors discussion stipulating only entities cultivating cannabis prior to January 1, 2016 will be able to receive permits until 2018;
- Allowing parcels zoned R2 to be eligible for permits;
- Addressing nursery start plants that have not reached maturity;
- Amount of wattage permitted for cultivation.

**Committee Directive:**

- None

*Recess: 10:09 a.m. – 10:19 a.m.*

*Change in Chief Executive Officer: 12:10 p.m.*

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a. Public Expression**

None presented.

**b. Announcements/Other Business**

Chair Brown reported that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 8, 2016.

**c. Matters from Staff**

None presented.

**d. Adjournment**

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole French,  
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

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