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Subject: CCA meeting commitments in Regards to Cannabis

## Dear Honorable Board

I have been reading articles and press releases about the CCA (Californi Cannabis Authority) which is a subcommittee of CSAC. I know our Tax collector is our counties representative on this committee. It has been released that CCA has worked to use BioTrack to somehow interface with METRC. This seems like another funding commitment for the county.

BioTrack is a software platform like SICPA that is promoting their ability to help local governments enforce regulations as well as to help in Banking. I am requesting more information before the county commits funds to another duplicate system.

Press Release November 20 2018

 $\underline{https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/california-cannabis-authority-announces-biotrackthc-a-helix-tcs-company-as-first-approved-software-vendor-300753494.html$ 

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Nov. 20, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- The California Cannabis Authority (CCA) has announced

BioTrackTHC as the first approved <u>seed-to-sale software</u> vendor for its 6 member counties: Humboldt, Mendocino, Yolo, San Luis Obispo, Inyo, and Monterey, with more counties expected to join. BioTrackTHC, <u>a Helix TCS, Inc.</u> company (OTCQB: <u>HLIX</u>), provides cannabis track and trace solutions for growers, manufacturers, distributors, and dispensary point of sale systems that are now CCA-approved.

CCA member counties are working together to form a cannabis data platform to equip local governing bodies with tools for oversight, enforcement, compliance, and regulatory optimization. Licensed cannabis businesses within the CCA's member counties are required to utilize an approved software solution that integrates with the CCA's platform. By being the first approved software vendor, BioTrackTHC is uniquely able to provide licensees in Northern California's production epicenter with a compliant tracking solution for both their local and state government.

The current CCA member counties comprise the majority of California's famed Emerald Triangle, a world-renowned cannabis production region made famous for its high-quality cannabis. The CCA was formed to develop and manage a statewide data platform that will gather, collect, and analyze information from a myriad of data sources into one resource, to help local governments ensure cannabis regulatory compliance and also provide necessary information to financial institutions that wish to work with the cannabis industry.

"We are excited to be the first software system to meet the CCA's requirements, and we look forward to working with the CCA and California licensees to drive forward their world-class program," said Patrick Vo, President and CEO of BioTrackTHC. "California is arguably the largest cannabis economy in the world, and providing what state and local regulators need to do their jobs without impeding the businesses is critical for everyone's collective success."

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Kim Ring, Grasslands, at 314-495-4589 or kim@mvgrasslands.com.

This is a direct quote from the BCC on who can get information from METRC <a href="https://static.cdfa.ca.gov/MCCP/document/FAQ\_CCTT\_8.15.18.pdf">https://static.cdfa.ca.gov/MCCP/document/FAQ\_CCTT\_8.15.18.pdf</a>

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Who will have access to my CCTT-Metrc information? Pursuant to Section 26067(b) of California's Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), information received and contained in the CCTT-Metrc system is confidential and may only be viewed by the licensee and authorized employees of the state of California, or any city, county, or city and county to perform official duties pursuant to

MAUCRSA or a local ordinance. Also, upon the request of a state or local law enforcement agency, licensing authorities will provide access to, or provide information contained in, the CCTT-Metrc system database to assist law enforcement in its duties and responsibilities pursuant to MAUCRSA

Page 19-20 of the CCA meeting notes October 17 <a href="https://cca.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CCA-Agenda-10-17-18\_FINAL.pdf">https://cca.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CCA-Agenda-10-17-18\_FINAL.pdf</a>

4. DISCUSSION of User Agreements. Greg Turner discussed the final User Agreements with the Board and process that counties will use to complete forms. Shari Schapmire reminded Greg that he must also draft a notice of user deletion. Greg agreed to do so. Adam has been working to outreach to the POS system community and there are a number of companies that are interested in working with CCA. Adam will begin the API testing process with Biotrack, one of the main POS/3rd Party Vendor 19 systems. Greg is finalizing Vendor Agreements, the legal contracts between CCA and POS systems, and will share with the Board for input.

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