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## **Mendocino County Industrial Hemp Pilot Program:** **Regulations and** **Recommended Best Management Practices**

### **Inspections and Removal:**

- **Pollen from Male Plants Prohibited**

Pollen from male industrial hemp plants is prohibited pursuant to the ordinance.

Cultivators should conduct regular inspections of the planting to ensure no male Industrial Hemp plants are growing outdoors. If a male Industrial Hemp plant is found, the registrant must remove the male plant from the planting area and destroy it so that no male plant material is present in the growing area.

After the Industrial Hemp Plants pass five to six weeks of growth and flowering has initiated, Mendocino County Agricultural Inspectors shall inspect the plantings weekly for presence of male plants. The Department of Agriculture will develop an inspection protocol to examine the cultivation and detect male industrial hemp plants.

### **Best Management Practices**

- **Agricultural Grading and Drainage**

All plantings must be compliant with North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations. Techniques like proper grading and avoidance of water runoff must mitigate any soil erosion and sediment delivery into surrounding waterways.

- **Cover Crops**

Cover crops are used to prevent soil erosion, improve soil quality and provide habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators. The appropriate use of these crops is encouraged, and the grower and a UC Farm Advisor or other crop consultant can assist in making a suitable choice.