



The General Government Committee met on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 1:34 p.m. with the following members present: Supervisors Brown and Gjerde; Committee Chair Brown presiding.

Staff present: Ms. Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; Ms. Brina Latkin, Deputy County Counsel; and Ms. Nicole French, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

(1) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A DRAFT MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION ORDINANCE AND MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION SITE ZONING REGULATIONS

(Referred from the June 7, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting)

Presenter/s: Ms. Sarah Dukett, Administrative Analyst, Executive Office; Mr. Andy Gustavson, Chief Planner, Planning and Building Services; Mr. Craig Pedersen, Deputy Chief, CalFire; Mr. Chuck Morse, Agriculture Inspector/Sealer of Weights and Measures; Ms. Mary Lynn Hunt, Planner III, Planning and Building Services; Mr. Scott Bauer, Senior Environmental Science, California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and Ms. Patricia Hickey, Executive Director, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District.

Public Comment: Mr. Justin Calvino; Mr. John Sakowicz; Ms. Sherry Glaser; Mr. Joshua Keats; Ms. Hannah Nelson; Mr. Rick Soderlind; Mr. Ron Edwards; Mr. Casey O'Neill; Mr. Leif Bierer; and Mr. Kristopher Harris .

Points of Discussion:

- The goal of CalFire is to maintain timberlands;
- Definition of the term "timberland";
- Any timberland conversions must be permitted before the conversion commences;
- Setback requirements for various types of parcels;
- Number of permits an individual may possess;
- Power usage required for cultivation of cannabis and types of energy used for cultivation;
- Plant count versus square footage;
- Issues with the permitting process experienced by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in Humboldt County, specifically: illegal activity, volume of permit applications, enforcement, environmental damage, water quality, and watershed management;
- Issues raised by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Board;
- Impact of a potential ordinance on small family farms.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to discuss issues outlined by CalFire and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; address issues related to power usage and generators, square footage, Williamson Act, Marijuana Innovation Zone, cannabis facilities ordinance; research a potential amnesty program for unpermitted structures

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to schedule a special meeting of the General Government Committee for July 13, 2016.

RECESS: 3:44 P.M.- 3:55 P.M.

(2) OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Public Expression

None presented.

b. Announcements/Other Business

None presented.

c. Matters from Staff

None presented.

d. Adjournment

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole French,
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board