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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 21, 2021

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF URGENCY MORATORIUM ON COMMENCEMENT OF PHASE THREE UPON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 22.18 AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 10A.17 AND 20.242

On March 22, 2021, the County adopted an urgency moratorium by Ordinance No. 4488 on the commencement of Phase Three cannabis cultivation permitting under Mendocino County Code Chapters 10A.17 and 20.242, pending the study and consideration of land use and other regulations pertaining to cannabis cultivation. On April 12, 2021, the County renewed the urgency moratorium for an additional ten months and 15 days by adopting Ordinance No. 4490, in accordance with Government Code section 65858.

This moratorium was enacted for the specific purpose of not commencing Phase Three permitting while the County was in the process of studying and preparing documents for the code changes proposed by the ordinance being considered by the Board of Supervisors as part of this agenda item. If the Board of Supervisors adopts the ordinance under consideration, the need for the moratorium would be extinguished, as Phase Three permitting would no longer exist. The proposed ordinance includes the termination of the urgency moratorium.

This staff memorandum, together with the staff memoranda from April 19, April 27, and June 2, 2021, and supporting documentation, are intended to be the written report required pursuant to Government Code section 65858 describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of the moratorium ordinance. The ordinance adding Chapter 22.18 and eliminating Phase Three permitting from Chapters 10A.17 and 20.242 would eliminate the possibility of conflicting existing and proposed regulations and the confusion, increased workload, and resulting negative impact on permit processing that would ensue.