



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Discussion and Possible Action Including Directing County Counsel and Planning and Building Services Director to Determine Feasibility of Using Satellite Imagery to Demilitarize Cannabis Code Enforcement and Collect Fees and/or Taxes from Non-Permitted Cultivation  
(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From:** Supervisor Williams

**Meeting Date:** October 1, 2019

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Williams

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 min

**Agenda Title:**

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**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Direct County Counsel and Planning and Building Services Director to determine the feasibility of using satellite imagery to demilitarize cannabis code enforcement and collect fees and/or taxes from non-permitted cultivation.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

**Summary of Request:**

Cannabis regulation through law enforcement is expensive. Militarized enforcement is an ingredient for childhood trauma. Satellite imagery has the potential to transition the first line of compliance to code enforcement without the need for field visits. The code enforcement approach can ensure fees and minimum

cultivation taxes are collected from all cultivators, whether permitted or not. The Board of Supervisors does not direct activities of the elected Sheriff. Cannabis ordinance enforcement through code enforcement would be complementary to any programs operated by the Sheriff.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

No action.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**budget clarification:** Although research is being conducted regarding the specifics of this technology, using Satellite imagery has the potential to generate millions in revenue.

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 7, 2019

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

