



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Executive Office, Agriculture, Planning and Building, County Counsel and Environmental Health

Meeting Date: August 8, 2017

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 4 hrs.

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Implementation of the Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Program and Potential Revisions to the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance (Sponsor: Executive Office)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept update regarding the Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Program and provide direction on potential ordinance revisions to enable staff to return on August 15, 2017, with a revised ordinance for a first reading.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

In May 2017, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Agriculture to provide Board updates regarding the implementation of the Cannabis Cultivation Program. On June 20, 2017, the Agriculture Department provided an update on the recently implemented Cannabis Cultivation Program, including initial application numbers. During the update to the Board on July 11, 2017, the Board directed staff from the Departments of Agriculture, Planning and Building Services, and the Code Enforcement Unit to return on July 18, 2017, to address questions from the board and public comment. During the update on July 18, 2017, the board received information on many of the items of concern and directed staff to return on August 8, 2017, for further discussion and direction from the Board. Specific topics to be addressed will include: Possible amendments to the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance, clarification of issues regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for commercial structures from Planning and Building Services and the Environmental Health Department, and potential solutions for streamlining the permitting process. In addition, on July 18, 2017, the Board directed the Executive Office to develop a Cannabis Management Unit.

Summary of Request:

The following individuals will present to the Board of Supervisors:

- Carmel J. Angelo - Executive Office
- Diane Curry - Agriculture

- Matthew Kiedrowski - County Counsel
- Mary Lynn Hunt - Planning
- Mike Oliphant - Building
- Trent Taylor - Code Enforcement
- Trey Strickland - Environmental Health

Since July 18, 2017, representatives from the Executive Office, the Department of Agriculture, Planning and Building Services and Code Enforcement, have been working together to resolve ongoing operational issues within the Cannabis Cultivation Program. Much progress has been made on identifying those challenging areas and developing options for problem resolution. Today, the Board of Supervisors will hear about the operational challenges, possible ordinance revisions and give direction to staff. The Executive Office will provide an update on the operations and the development of a Cannabis Management Unit. Additionally departments will present on the following items: County Counsel Memorandum regarding the Cannabis Program, Building Memorandum regard agricultural exempt buildings and Environmental Health Memorandum regarding septic system requirements. During the staff presentations, proposed ordinance amendments will be presented to the Board for consideration and direction. The purpose of the proposed amendments is for staff to receive clear direction on items to bring back in a revised ordinance for a first reading on August 15, 2017.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not receive the update/status report and provide direction to staff.

Supplemental Information Available Online at:

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A
Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A
Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

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

CEO Liaison: Sarah Dukett, Administrative Analyst II

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Nicole French

Final Status: Approved with Direction

Date: AUGUST 10, 2017

Executed Item Number: Item

Note to Department: Direction given to staff, please consult with CEO Liaison for additional information.