



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Gjerde and Planning and Building Services

Meeting Date: August 27, 2019

Department Contact: Supervisor Williams

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 1 Hour

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff to Develop Cannabis Enterprise Zone Plan (Sponsors: Cannabis Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisors Williams and Gjerde) and Planning and Building Services)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct staff to develop Cannabis Enterprise Zone plan in collaboration with industry to allow for 1-10 acre cultivation, a fee schedule sufficient to generate revenue necessary to cover a project EIR for the zone and current/pending cultivators and explore feasibility of limiting zone participation to existing (County) license holders.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

The Cannabis Enterprise Zone is a mechanism to steer growth towards appropriately zoned and positioned parcels. A fee schedule can be crafted so that the participating applicants self fund a project EIR to cover both the enterprise zones and the small farms presently relying (and in some cases held up as provisional) on our CEQA Negative Declaration. The zones should support multi-use including cultivation, nursery, processing, manufacturing and ag worker housing. Placement should avoid traffic through residential areas. The plan should encourage colocation and shared facilities. The zone concept has potential to significantly grow jobs and generate county revenue.

Alternative Action/Motion:

No alternative 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: N/A

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

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 29, 2019

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

