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To: Board Cannabis Standing Committee
 Fr: Richard Ordonez, Interim Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer
 cc: Nicholas E. Chiulos
 Re: Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Update

At the request of the Board Cannabis Standing Committee, please find the Month-Over-Month for November 2022 to January 2023 industrial hemp pilot program registrations and industrial hemp acreage and testing, as well as an update of the pilot program.

Industrial Hemp Registered Operations:

Category	November 2022	Registration Change	January 2023	Acreage Change	Acreage Registered
Growers & Breeders					
Registrations	2	-	2	-	231.8
Total					231.8
Established Agricultural Research Institution (EARI)					
Total EARI - Registrations	0	0	0	0	0
No Samples Taken During This Period					
Samples Tested		0			
Sampled Acreage		0			

Description of Table – From November 2022 to January 2023, there were no changes in registrations for Growers and Breeders for a total of 231.8 acres registered with the pilot program. During this report period, no acreage was planted due to seasonal crop rotations.

The Agricultural Commissioner hosted an in-person and Zoom meeting for the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program 2020-2023, on December 12, 2022, at the Monterey County Government Center, Schilling Place. The meeting was attended by two industry representatives in-person, and three others via Zoom. A presentation reviewed the CDFA Industrial Hemp program as well as the Monterey County Industrial Hemp Pilot Program. Comments and suggestions for the Pilot Program were documented for consideration.

Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Update – Board Cannabis Standing Committee – February 13, 2023

Per the Monterey County Ordinance and Code the Pilot Program ended on December 31, 2022. The Agricultural Commissioner is preparing a summary review of the three-year program with recommendations for continuation. A presentation will be provided to the Cannabis Committee at the March 2023 meeting.

All current laws and regulations for Industrial Hemp can be found at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/>

