

County of Monterey

Government Center- Monterey Room
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CANNABIS PROGRAM
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

Meeting Minutes - Final

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Wednesday, March 6, 2024

3:00 PM

Special Meeting

Cannabis Committee

NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to corresponding Committee Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address comments to the Committee concerning each agenda item. Timing of the public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Additions and Corrections

There were 2 corrections.

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from the January 4, 2024, Cannabis Committee meeting.

ACTION: The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee Minutes from January 4, 2024, was approved by consensus

Regular Agenda

2. Provide a verbal update on the status of the County of Monterey Cannabis Program Manager recruitment.

Presenter: Nick Chiulos, Chief Assistant County Administrator Officer

ACTION: Committee received a verbal update on status.

3. a. Receive a status update on commercial cannabis consumption lounges and the critical collaboration needed between County departments and local agencies to analyze the elements needed for an amendment to the Monterey County Code to include this new business type;
b. Recommend the Cannabis Committee identify the prioritization of continued work for a commercial consumption lounge; and,
c. Recommend the Cannabis Committee make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on how to proceed.

Presenters:

Joann Iwamoto, Interim Cannabis Program Manager

Craig Spencer, Acting Housing and Community Dev. Director

Nicki Fowler, Environmental Health Specialist IV

Michelle House, Health Program Coordinator

Brian Jones, Deputy District Attorney

Sgt. Nicholas Kennedy, Sheriff Office

Division Chief Scott Anderson, Monterey County Regional Fire Dist.

Chief Joel Mendoza, North County Fire Protection District

ACTION: Committee received a status update on commercial cannabis consumption lounges; including departmental input of potential benefits, the requirements, and necessary restrictions. The committee also heard from concerns from other county departments. Chair and Vice Chair agreed to move forward and bring the commercial Cannabis Consumption Lounge item to the full Board for further discussion. No prioritization established.

Public Comment: Michelle H Williamson, Aram Stoney, Bob Roach, Sara Stewart, Jennifer Rosenthal, Esq., Joey Espinoza

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2024.