

# **County of Monterey**

Government Center- Monterey Room  
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

### **Special Meeting**

**Supervisor Chris Lopez – District 3**

**Supervisor Luis Alejo – District 1**

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402> or in person at: 168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor, Salinas CA-Monterey Room; or 1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930 – Dist. 3 Office**

### **Cannabis Committee**

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**Supervisor Chris Lopez will appear by video conference on this date at: 1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930. Consistent with Government Code Section 54953, an agenda will be posted at this location, and it will be accessible by the public.**

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- 1. You may attend the meeting in person at 168 W. Alisal Street, 2nd Floor, Salinas CA 93901 – Government Center Building, Monterey Room; or, 1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930 – District 3 Office; or,**
- 2. You may participate via Zoom at: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402>**

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**If you choose not to attend the Cannabis Committee meeting but desire to make a public comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026. Please submit your comment to Araceli Baltierra at [BaltierraA@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:BaltierraA@countyofmonterey.gov) and your comment will be placed into the record at the meeting.**

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King City, CA 93930 – Oficina del Distrito 3; o,

2. Puede participar a través de Zoom en: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402>.

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Si está viendo la retransmisión en directo de la reunión del Comité de Cannabis y desea hacer un comentario público general o comentar un punto específico del orden del día mientras se escucha, seleccione la opción "levantar la mano" en la pantalla de Zoom, y su micrófono se silenciará para que pueda hablar. Para seleccionar la opción "levantar la mano", haga clic en el icono de "participantes" que encontrará en la parte inferior de la pantalla de Zoom y, a continuación, haga clic en el icono "levantar la mano" que encontrará junto a su nombre.

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**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**

### **Additions and Corrections**

### **Public Comment Period**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

### **Approval of Action Minutes**

1. Consider approval of action minutes from the December 15, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**     [12 15 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

### **Regular Agenda**

2. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee.
3. Approve Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule.

**Attachments:**     [2026 Cannabis Committee Meeting Calendar](#)

4. Receive an Auditor-Controller Office memoranda update on commercial cannabis business tax collections.

Presenter: *Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

**Attachments:**     [ACO Memo February 2026](#)

5. Receive memoranda update on the Cannabis Program, budget, and performance measures.

Presenter: *Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*

**Attachments:**     [Cannabis Committee Memo 2.27.26](#)  
                          [2026 Cannabis Growers Continuing Education Flyer](#)

### **Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2026.

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**Committee Members:** Supervisor Chris Lopez, Chair; Supervisor Luis Alejo, Vice-Chair.

**Committee Staff:** Nick Chiulos, Chief Assistant County Administrative Officer; Robert Brayer, Deputy County Counsel; and Araceli Baltierra, Committee Secretary.

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# County of Monterey

## Item No.1

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: MIN 26-005

February 27, 2026

**Introduced:** 2/17/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Minutes

Consider approval of action minutes from the December 15, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting.

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Salinas, CA 93901



CANNABIS PROGRAM  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Special Meeting

Supervisor Chris Lopez – District 3

Supervisor Kate Daniels – District 5

Monday, December 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402> or in person at: 168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor, Salinas CA-Monterey Room; or 1011 Broadway St, Suite C, King City, CA 93930 – Dist. 3 Office; or 1200 Aguajito Rd, Monterey CA 93940 - Dist. 5 Office  
Cannabis Committee

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**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 9:02am.**

**Additions and Corrections**

**There were no additions or corrections.**

**Public Comment Period**

**John Cumming, Michelle Hackett, Tyler Everett, and Chris Boggs.**

**Approval of Action Minutes**

- 1. Consider approval of action minutes from the October 22, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting.

**The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee Minutes from October 22, 2025 were approved by consensus.**

**Regular Agenda**

- 2. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee.

**The Cannabis Committee will consider and decide regarding appointments for Chair and Vice Chair at the next Cannabis Committee Meeting, currently set as a Special Meeting for February 27, 2026 at 1pm, in the Monterey Room and via Zoom.**

- 3. Approve Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule.

**The Cannabis Committee will consider and decide upon its Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026 at the next Cannabis Committee Meeting, currently set as a Special Meeting for February 27, 2026 at 1pm, in the Monterey Room and via Zoom.**

- 4. Receive a report on current Cannabis Enforcement.

*Presenter: Deputy Josue Ramirez-Padilla, Sheriff's Office*

**Report deemed as received.**

- 5. Receive an Auditor-Controller Office memoranda update on commercial cannabis business tax collections.

*Presenter: Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

**Report deemed as received.**

6. Receive memoranda update on the Cannabis Program budget, and performance measures.

*Presenter: Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*

**Report deemed as received.**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am.**



# County of Monterey

## Item No.2

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: 26-146

February 27, 2026

**Introduced:** 2/17/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** General Agenda Item

Appoint Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.3

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: 26-147

February 27, 2026

**Introduced:** 2/17/2026

**Version:** 1

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Matter Type:** General Agenda Item

Approve Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule.

# 2026 Cannabis Committee Meeting Calendar



**April**  
02

2 - 3:30PM  
Government Center,  
Monterey Room

**June**  
18

2 - 3:30PM  
Government Center,  
Monterey Room

**August**  
06

2 - 3:30PM  
Government Center,  
Monterey Room

**October**  
01

2 - 3:30PM  
Government Center,  
Monterey Room

**December**  
07

2 - 3:30PM  
Government Center,  
Monterey Room



# County of Monterey

## Item No.4

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: 26-148

February 27, 2026

**Introduced:** 2/17/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** General Agenda Item

Receive an Auditor-Controller Office memoranda update on commercial cannabis business tax collections.

Presenter: *Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

# COUNTY OF MONTEREY



## AUDITOR - CONTROLLER

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**Rupa Shah, CPA**  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

**TO:** Monterey County Cannabis Committee  
**FROM:** Kevin Tweedy, Accountant Auditor III  
**Date:** February 27, 2026  
**RE:** Update on Commercial Cannabis Tax Revenues

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Monterey County Cannabis Committee on the amount of cannabis tax revenues collected year to date in fiscal year 2025-26.

MONTH	AMOUNT COLLECTED
July	360,154
August	572,071
September	33,458
October	180,568
November	636,582
December	70,582
January	276,616
February	467,630
<b>Total Amount Collected in FY 2025-26 (As of 2/12/2026)</b>	<b>\$ 2,597,662</b>

BREAKDOWN OF COLLECTIONS	COLLECTED
For Fiscal Year 2024-2025	965,683
For Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,631,978
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,597,662</b>

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE	COLLECTED
Dispensary	367,319
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	1,481,245
Manufacturing	1,367
Nursery	534,927
Outdoor Cultivation	212,804
<b>Total by Type</b>	<b>\$ 2,597,662</b>

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE FY 2025	COLLECTED
Dispensary	143,342
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	540,052
Manufacturing	410
Nursery	208,460
Outdoor Cultivation	73,420
<b>Total by Type</b>	<b>\$ 965,683</b>

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE FY 2026	COLLECTED
Dispensary	223,977
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	941,194
Manufacturing	957
Nursery	326,468
Outdoor Cultivation	139,383
<b>Total by Type</b>	<b>\$ 1,631,978</b>

**Note 1:** The ACO has implemented additional accounting elements to breakdown the collection amounts by respective fiscal years and be able to provide the Cannabis Committee and the Board of Supervisors with the information as reported in this report. The ACO does not have access to operator details and relies on the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office to provide information on delinquent operators. As of February 12, 2026, the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office has reported 14 delinquent operators and cultivators for a total of \$163,151 of unpaid taxes.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.5

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: 26-149

February 27, 2026

**Introduced:** 2/17/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** General Agenda Item

Receive memoranda update on the Cannabis Program, budget, and performance measures.

Presenter: *Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*



# County of Monterey

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Salinas, CA 93901

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February 23, 2026

To: Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee

Fr: Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager

Cc: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Chief Assistant County Administrative Officer

Re: Cannabis Program Updates, Budget, and Performance Measures

## **Cannabis Program Updates, Budget and Performance Measures**

### Cannabis Program Updates

The Office of the Agricultural Commissioner will hold an informative workshop for cannabis growers, operation supervisors and managers on April 9, 2026, from 8:00am to 11:00am. The goal of the workshop is to provide guidance on the State’s pesticide use permitting process, employee training and safety responsibilities, and proper pesticide use in compliance with California regulations. Registration is required in advance of attendance.

### Cannabis Program Budget

The Cannabis Program (Program) began tracking changes to the canopy square footage in July of 2025 as changes to square footage feeds directly into tax revenue and is a marker to how the industry is adapting to an ever-changing market. The Program tracks canopy changes using July 1, 2025, as a baseline. Since the December 15, 2025, meeting, the following changes have occurred; 1) increase in indoor of 15,360 sq. feet, 2) decrease in outdoor of 25,000 sq. feet 3) decrease in nursery of 20,000 sq. feet, and 4) mixed light had no changes.

The Program estimates 3.5 million will be collected during fiscal year (FY) 25-26. Due to farm and dispensary closures in quarter one and two, Program staff anticipates a decrease in cannabis tax revenue estimating 3.2 million in taxes will be generated in FY 25-26. Monitoring cannabis tax revenue has been identified as a priority and is part of goal D within the current strategic plan. The Treasurer Tax Collector completed quarter two cannabis tax collections at the end of January. The table below reflects the breakdown of taxes collected July 1, 2025, through February 12, 2026.

<b>Tax</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 24-25	\$965,683
FY 25-26	\$1,631,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,597,662</b>

Performance Measures

- A. Facilitate provisional to annual cannabis business permits has been identified as a priority and is part of goal A within the current strategic plan. Since the December 15, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting, the last provisional permittee transitioned to an annual, one potential applicant was onboarded and three applications were closed, decreasing the potential applicants from eight to five. Currently, there are 49 active commercial cannabis business operators; 7 dispensaries, 37 farms, and 5 others (manufacturing, distribution, and processing). The Program closed one nursery, and one farm filed a cessation of business.
- B. Assisting with the movement of cannabis land use permits has been identified as a priority and is part of goal A within the current strategic plan.
- C. No cannabis land use permits have been approved for FY 25-26. The first outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation site will be discussed on the February 25, County of Monterey Planning Commission. If approved, an amendment to the text of the Central Salinas Valley Area Plan would be added to Policy CSV-1.8, to create a special treatment area on APN 420-063-014-000. The special treatment area will allow up to 20,000 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation.
- D. Conduct Quarterly Compliance Inspection has been identified as a priority and is part of goal C within the current strategic plan. Inspectors from Housing and Community Development will enforce county code and work directly with regional fire districts, and the industry to ensure compliance with local and state law building and/or fire code requirements. The Program strives to maintain a service level of 100 percent.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	FY 25-26, Q1	FY 25-26, Q2	FY 25-26, Q3	FY 25-26, Q4
<b>Quarterly Inspections</b>	100%	100%	100%	

- E. Issuing of a cannabis business permit has been identified as a priority based on results from the FY 2021-22 County of Monterey Civil Grand Jury Report. The Program will issue a cannabis business permit (CBP) within three business days of the operator satisfying requirements from Housing and Community Development, Health Department, and respective Regional Fire Districts. The Program strives to maintain a service level of 100 percent.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	FY 25-26, Q1	FY 25-26, Q2	FY 25-26, Q3	FY 25-26, Q4
<b>Service Level</b>	100%	100%	100%	

- F. Renewing of a cannabis business permit has been identified as a priority based on results from the FY 2021-22 County of Monterey Civil Grand Jury Report. The Program will renew a CBP within three business days of the operator satisfying requirements from Housing and Community Development, Health Department, and respective Regional Fire Districts. The Program strives to maintain a service level of 100 percent.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	FY 25-26, Q1	FY 25-26, Q2	FY 25-26, Q3	FY 25-26, Q4
<b>Service Level</b>	100%	100%	100%	

G. Enforcing unlicensed cannabis activity has been identified as a priority and is part of goal B within the current strategic plan. The County of Monterey Marijuana Eradication Team (COMMET) provides the Program with information on outcomes of search warrants and abatement activities. The chart contains all COMMET data for calendar year (CY) 2025, and no data for CY 26 is available currently.

Type	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	CY 2025	CY 2026
Number of Cannabis Plants	18,602	97,703	1,220	130	114	0
Cannabis Processed (lbs.)	1,716	38,430	506	352	135.8	0
Gross Weight Abated (tons)	10.2	68.1	2.8	0.176	0	0
Firearms	97	24	1	16	1	0
Currency	\$104,700	\$5,500	\$0	\$13,538	\$0.0	0
Explosive Material (lbs.)	0	25	0	0	0	0
Meth (lbs.)	0	1	0	0.073	0.121	0
Cocaine (lbs.)	0	0	0.03	0.039	0	0
Clandestine Lab	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Market Value	\$20,303,000	\$68,066,500	\$2,834,635	\$241,433	\$124,900	\$0.00

## Cannabis Growers Workshop

Hosted by the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Join us for an informative workshop designed specifically for cannabis growers.

This session will provide comprehensive guidance on:

- The State's pesticide use permitting process
- Employee training and safety responsibilities
- Proper pesticide uses in compliance with California regulations

**Cannabis growers, operation supervisors, and managers are encouraged to attend.**

**April 9, 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1432 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901

Offered in English Only

Register now, space is limited! Call (831) 759-7340

\* 2.0 Continuing Education hours in Laws and Regulations have been requested \*



## Taller para Cultivadores de Cannabis

Organizado por la Oficina del Comisionado Agrícola del Condado de Monterey

Únase a nosotros en un taller informativo diseñado específicamente para cultivadores de cannabis. Esta sesión proporcionará orientación integral sobre:

- El proceso de permisos para el uso de pesticidas del condado
- Responsabilidades de capacitación y seguridad de los empleados
- Uso adecuado de pesticidas en cumplimiento con las regulaciones de California

**Se recomienda la asistencia de cultivadores de cannabis, supervisores de operaciones y gerentes.**

**9 de abril de 2026**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1432 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901

Ofrecido solamente en inglés

¡Regístrese ahora, espacio está limitado! Llame al (831) 759-7340

\* Se han solicitado 2.0 horas de educación continua en Leyes y Reglamentos\*

