

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

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Thursday, April 2, 2026

2:00 PM

Supervisor Chris Lopez – District 3

Supervisor Luis Alejo – District 1

Cannabis Committee

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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

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from the February 27, 2026, Cannabis Committee meeting.

Attachments: [February 27 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

Regular Agenda

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

Presenter: *Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

Attachments: [Auditor-Controller Memo April 2026](#)

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

Presenter: *Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*

Attachments: [Cannabis Committee Memo 4.2.26](#)

Adjournment

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 26-015

April 02, 2026

Introduced: 3/18/2026

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Minutes

Consider approval of action minutes from the February 27, 2026, Cannabis Committee meeting.

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CANNABIS PROGRAM
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Special Meeting

Supervisor Chris Lopez – District 3

Supervisor Luis Alejo – District 1

Friday, February 27, 2026

1:00 PM

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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 1:04pm.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections.

Public Comment Period

Eric Bixler, John Cumming, Bob Roach, and Michelle Williamson.

Approval of Action Minutes

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

The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee minutes from Dec 15, 2025, were approved by consensus.

Regular Agenda

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

Supervisor Lopez was appointed Chair. Supervisor Alejo was appointed Vice Chair.

3. Approve Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule.

Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule was approved by consensus.

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

Presenter: *Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

Report deemed as received.

5. 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 1:36pm.



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Item No.2

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: 26-269

April 02, 2026

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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



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TO: Monterey County Cannabis Committee
FROM: Kevin Tweedy, Accountant Auditor III
Date: April 2, 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 | 504,151 |
| March | 7,852 |
| Total Amount Collected in FY 2025-26 (As of 3/13/2026) | \$ 2,642,034 |

| BREAKDOWN OF COLLECTIONS | COLLECTED |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 965,683 |
| For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 1,676,351 |
| Total by Year | \$ 2,642,034 |

| BREAKDOWN BY TYPE | COLLECTED | | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | FY 2024-2025 | FY 2025-2026 | |
| Dispensary | 143,342 | 226,870 | 370,212 |
| Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation | 540,052 | 949,880 | 1,489,931 |
| Manufacturing | 410 | 957 | 1,367 |
| Nursery | 208,460 | 359,261 | 567,721 |
| Outdoor Cultivation | 73,420 | 139,383 | 212,804 |
| Total by Type | \$ 965,683 | \$ 1,676,351 | \$ 2,642,034 |

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 March 13, 2026, the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office has reported a small number of delinquent business accounts. To maintain confidentiality of taxpayer information we are unable to disclose the specific amounts or the number of accounts.



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Item No.3

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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Matter Type: General Agenda Item

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

Presenter: *Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*



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April 2, 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

A reminder: 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. Please contact the Office of the Agricultural Commissioner for further information.

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 of how the industry is adapting to an ever-changing market. The Program tracks canopy using July 1, 2025, as a baseline. Since the February 27, 2026, meeting, the following changes have occurred; 1) no change to indoor canopy, 2) increase in outdoor canopy of 56,874 sq. feet, 3) increase in nursery canopy of 69,000 sq. feet, and 4) decrease in mixed light canopy of 94,211 sq. feet.

The Program provided an estimate of 3.5 million in tax revenue collections during fiscal year (FY) 25-26. Due to industry closures, Program staff anticipates a decrease in cannabis tax revenue. Current estimates track tax collections at approximately 3.2 million for FY 25-26. The Program estimates 3 million in tax revenue collections for FY 26-27, decreasing department allocations from \$3,353,692 in FY 25-26 to \$2,700,000 in FY 26-27; a decrease of \$653,692.

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 in January and will begin quarter three collections in April. The table below reflects the breakdown of taxes collected July 1, 2025, through March 13, 2026, a total of \$44,373 has been collected since the February 27, 2026, meeting.

| Tax | Amount |
|--------------|--------------------|
| FY 24-25 | \$965,683 |
| FY 25-26 | \$1,676,351 |
| Total | \$2,642,034 |

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 February 27, 2026, Cannabis Committee meeting, one potential applicant was onboarded and the Program received three potential applicants, increasing the potential applicants from five to seven. There are currently 49 active commercial cannabis business operators; 7 dispensaries, 37 farms (5 only nursery and 32 nursery/cultivators), and 5 operators engaged in other activities (manufacturing, distribution, and processing). The Program received one cessation of business for a nursery.

- 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. No cannabis land use permits have been approved for FY 25-26. The first outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation site was discussed at the February 25, 2026, County of Monterey Planning Commission and a Board of Supervisors hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2026. If approved, an amendment to the text of the Central Salinas Valley Area Plan will 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.

- C. 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.

| Fiscal Year | FY 25-26, Q1 | FY 25-26, Q2 | FY 25-26, Q3 | FY 25-26, Q4 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Quarterly Inspections | 100% | 100% | 100% | |

- D. 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.

| Fiscal Year | FY 25-26, Q1 | FY 25-26, Q2 | FY 25-26, Q3 | FY 25-26, Q4 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Service Level | 100% | 100% | 100% | |

- E. 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.

| Fiscal Year | FY 25-26, Q1 | FY 25-26, Q2 | FY 25-26, Q3 | FY 25-26, Q4 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Service Level | 100% | 100% | 100% | |

F. 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 below contains data for the calendar year (CY) 2021 through 2026. Currently, COMMET has no data for CY 2026.

| 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 |