

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

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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Supervisor Kate Daniels will appear by video conference on this date at: 1200 Aguajito Rd Monterey CA 93940. 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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2. You may participate via Zoom at: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402>

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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

Additions and Corrections

Public Comment Period

Approval of Action Minutes

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

Attachments: [10 22 25 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 a report on current Cannabis Enforcement.

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

Attachments: [Sheriff Presentation 12 15 25](#)

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

Presenter: *Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III*

Attachments: [ACO Memo December 2025](#)

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

Presenter: *Michelle House, Cannabis Program Manager*

Attachments: [Cannabis Committee Memo 12.15.25](#)

Adjournment

Committee Members: Supervisor Chris Lopez, Chair; Supervisor Kate Daniels, 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 25-083

December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/1/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Minutes

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

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Special Meeting

Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3

Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

1:00 PM

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97745425402> or in person at: 168
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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 1:00pm.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections.

Public Comment Period

John Cumming, Joey Espinoza, Valentia Piccini, Bob Roach, and Aram Stoney.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from the July 31, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting.

The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee Minutes from July 31, 2025, were approved by consensus.

Regular Agenda

2.
 - a. Receive a presentation related to developing an ordinance to allow Cannabis Lounges as an allowed land use; and
 - b. Direct staff to conduct public outreach activities in relation to developing a Cannabis Lounge ordinance for the coastal and non-coastal areas of Monterey County.

Presenter: Mike Novo, Management Specialist, Housing and Community Development

Report deemed as received.

3. Receive an Auditor-Controller Office memoranda update on commercial cannabis business tax collections and payment plan.

Presenter: Kevin Tweedy, Accounting Auditor III

Report deemed as received.

4. 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 2:01pm.



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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: 25-902

December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/3/2025

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: 25-904

December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/3/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: General Agenda Item

Approve Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Schedule.



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, February 19, 2026	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Government Center, Monterey Room
Thursday, April 2, 2026	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Government Center, Monterey Room
Thursday, June 18, 2026	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Government Center, Monterey Room
Thursday, August 6, 2026	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Government Center, Monterey Room
Thursday, October 1, 2026	2 PM – 3:30 PM	Government Center, Monterey Room
Thursday, December 3, 2025	2 PM – 3:30 PM	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: 25-905

December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/3/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: General Agenda Item

Receive a report on current Cannabis Enforcement.

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

C.O.M.M.E.T.

*County of Monterey
Marijuana Enforcement Team*

- SGT RAFAEL GARCIA
- DET MARK LILGA
- DET JOSUE RAMIREZ-PADILLA

COUNTY OF MONTEREY



COMMET

2025 RESULTS



\$124,900
retail value of
cannabis seized



135.8
lbs. Processed
Cannabis



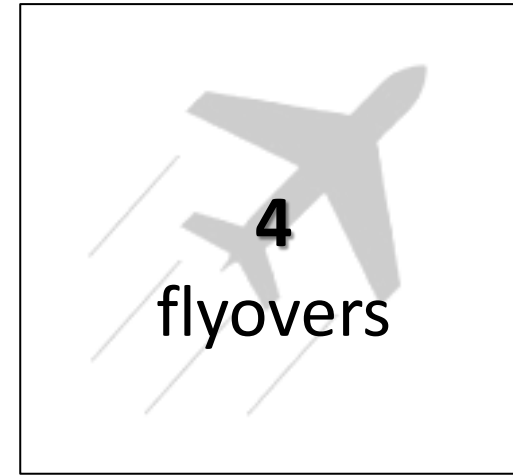
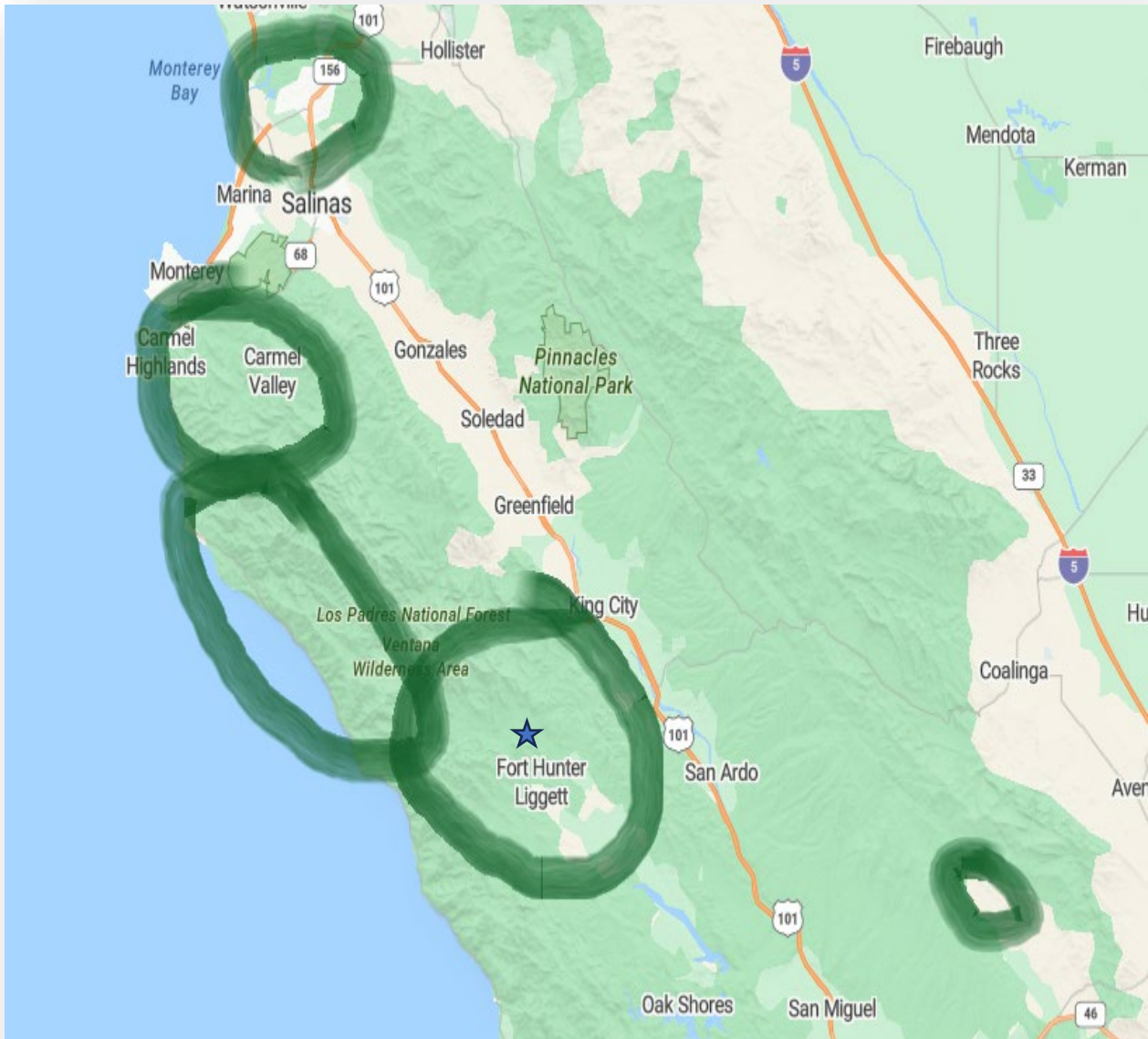
114
Cannabis plants
eradicated



1
search warrant
served



1
firearm confiscated



LOCATIONS FLOWN OVER

Plane:

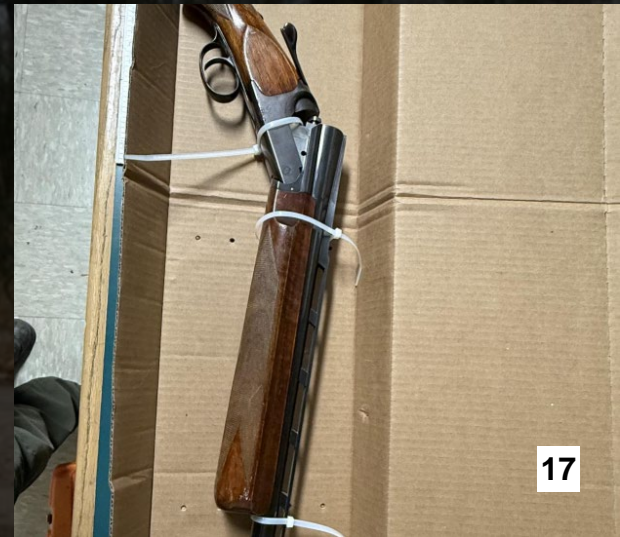
- 1 pilot, 1 co-pilot
- 2 observers

Helicopter:

- 1 pilot
- 5 observers

JOLON ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROW

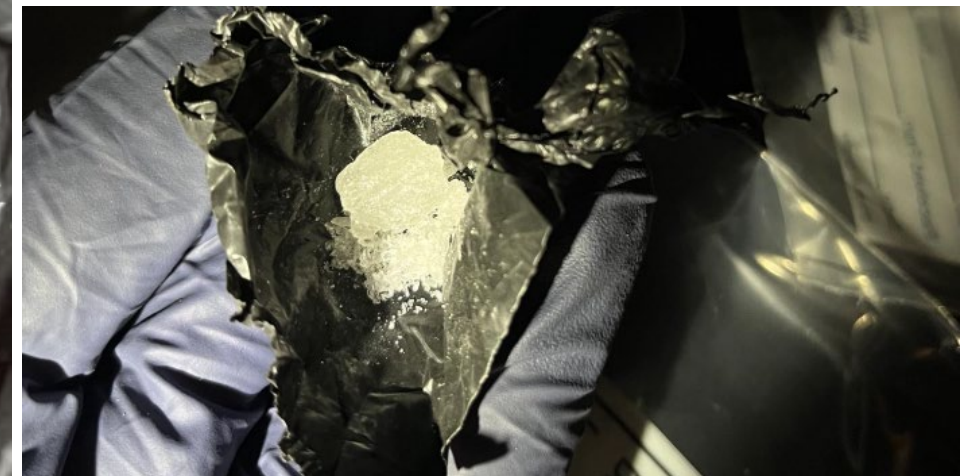
- 114 plants
- 1 shotgun
- Ammunition
- 1 gram of Cocaine



ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCOVERED...

- ROSIN PRESS MACHINE
- SEVERAL EMPTY DISCARDED CANISTERS OF BUTANE GAS





- .55 grams of Meth
- 19 lbs. of Cannabis

• CALL FOR SERVICE
CANNABIS SEIZED



**CALL FOR SERVICE
BURGLARY, ARREST & CANNABIS RECOVERY**

- 61.8 lbs. of processed Cannabis
- 45 lbs. of molded Cannabis

Illegal Market: **\$53,400.00**

Legal Market (non molded): **\$24,300.00**

Legal Market (molded): **\$1,125.00**





County of Monterey

Item No.5

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: 25-906

December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/3/2025

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



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Rupa Shah, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

TO: Monterey County Cannabis Committee

FROM: Kevin Tweedy, Accountant Auditor III

Date: December 15, 2025

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	3,728
Total Amount Collected in FY 2025-26 (As of 12/3/2025)	\$ 1,786,561

BREAKDOWN OF COLLECTIONS	COLLECTED
For Fiscal Year 2024-2025	965,683
For Fiscal Year 2025-2026	820,877
Total by Year	\$ 1,786,561

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE	COLLECTED
Dispensary	262,061
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	1,013,993
Manufacturing	998
Nursery	363,148
Outdoor Cultivation	146,360
Total by Type	\$ 1,786,561

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE FY 2024-25	COLLECTED
Dispensary	143,342
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	540,052
Manufacturing	410
Nursery	208,460
Outdoor Cultivation	73,420
Total by Type	\$ 965,683

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE FY2025-26	COLLECTED
Dispensary	118,718
Indoor/Mixed Light Cultivation	473,942
Manufacturing	588
Nursery	154,689
Outdoor Cultivation	72,940
Total by Type	\$ 820,877

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 November 26, 2025, the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office has reported 16 delinquent operators and cultivators for a total of \$86,875.74 of unpaid taxes.



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Item No.6

Board Report

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

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December 15, 2025

Introduced: 12/3/2025

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



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December 15, 2025

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 Program hosted a day long (9am-2pm) strategic planning session on November 14, 2025. The meeting included members of the industry, Housing and Committee Development, Treasurer Tax Collectors, Environmental Health, Public Health, District Attorney, and Fire.

The goal of the planning session was to establish a vision and mission statement, update goals and strategies, and determine Program priorities. This is the first in person meeting in many years and provided the opportunity for people to meet and learn from each other. The Program will host a Zoom meeting after the holidays for individuals who were unable to attend. The Program will begin drafting the 2026-28 strategic plan after follow-up meetings are conducted and we anticipate sharing the final product in early autumn.

Cannabis Program Budget

Canopy square footage was shared at the October meeting to illustrate how cannabis nursery and cultivation has slowly decreased since the economic downturn of 2021. The Program will begin tracking changes to the canopy square footage and provide updates during Cannabis Committee meetings. Changes to square footage feeds directly into tax revenue and is a marker to how the industry is adapting to meeting an ever-changing market. Since our base line of July 1, 2025, the following changes have occurred; 1) a decrease in outdoor of 281,351 sq. feet, 2) a decrease in indoor of 5,000 sq. feet, and 3) an increase in nursery of 17,740 sq. feet. 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, Program staff anticipates a decrease in cannabis tax revenue and is currently working with CAO leadership to address budgetary concerns. 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 one cannabis tax collections at the end of October. The table below reflects the breakdown of taxes collected July 1, 2025, through December 3, 2025.

Tax	Amount
FY 24-25	\$965,683
FY 25-26	\$820,877
Total	\$1,786,561

Performance Measures

- A. Facilitate provisional to annual cannabis business permits and has been identified as a priority and is part of goal A within the current strategic plan. Since the October 22, 2025, Cannabis Committee meeting, two potential applicants were onboarded decreasing the potential applicants from ten to eight. Currently, there are 50 active commercial cannabis business operators (7 dispensaries and 43 cultivators), and one cultivator still holds a provisional license. The Program closed one cultivator, and one dispensary 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. No cannabis land use permits have been approved for FY 25-26. The Program is working with the Planning Department to gain approval for our first outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation.
- C. Conduct Quarterly Compliance Inspection (Priority, Goal C)
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 and building and/or fire code requirements.

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

- 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%		

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 contains COMMET data for calendar year (CY) 2025.

Type	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	CY 2025
Number of Cannabis Plants	32,888	18,602	97,703	1,220	130	114
Cannabis Processed (lbs.)	5,476	1,716	38,430	506	352	135.8
Gross Weight Abated (tons)	19.2	10.2	68.1	2.8	0.176	0
Firearms	105	97	24	1	16	1
Currency	\$28,146	\$104,700	\$5,500	\$0	\$13,538	\$0.0
Explosive Material (lbs.)	0	0	25	0	0	0
Meth (lbs.)	0	0	1	0	0.073	0.121
Cocaine (lbs.)	0	0	0	0.03	0.039	0
Clandestine Lab	2	5	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Market Value	\$38,364,000	\$20,303,000	\$68,066,500	\$2,834,635	\$241,433	\$124,900