



Monterey County

Government Center- Board
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Meeting Agenda Cannabis Committee

Friday, April 23, 2021

11:30 AM

Chair Chris Lopez and Supervisor Luis Alejo

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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.

Call to Order

Approval of Action Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2021 Cannabis Committee "Special" meeting.

Attachments: [MINUTES March 22 2021 Cannabis Standing Committee](#)

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.

Regular Agenda

1. Receive a report on the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Regulatory Update.

Presenter: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

Attachments: [Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Regulatory Update](#)

2. Receive a Cannabis Program memorandum on current cannabis cultivation square footage, land use permits, cannabis business permits, and other updates.

Presenter: Myles Echenique, Cannabis Analyst

Attachments: [Memorandum of Cannabis Program](#)

3. Receive a verbal presentation from the Monterey County Regional Fire District to review a recent "Burn Test" as it relates to requirements for commercial cannabis processing buildings.

Presenter: Division Chief/Fire Marshall Kevin Kamnikar

4. a. Consider the Chapter 7.100 of the Monterey County Code Fiscal Year 2021-2022 automatic increases on the commercial cannabis business tax rates;

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Attachments: [MCC Chpt 7.100 Consideration on Commercial Cannabis Tax Escalator for FY :](#)
[Attachment A Board Order Adopting Ordinance 5274](#)
[Attachment B Board Order Adopting Ordinance 5305](#)
[Attachment C Board Order Adopting Ordinance 5326](#)
[Attachment D Board Order Adopting Ordinance 5330](#)
[Attachment E Commercial Cannabis Business Tax Rates by Jurisdiction](#)
[Attachment F Board Order Adopting Ordinance 5320](#)
[Attachment G Commercial Cannabis Business Tax Revenue by Current and Sc](#)

5. a. **Receive an update on the current balance of the Cannabis Program Contingency Fund and proposed allocations for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Contingency Fund;**
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Attachments: [2021 04 23 Contingency Fund](#)
[Attachment A Contingency Fund Overview](#)

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021.