

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Cannabis Committee

or via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/94033487729>

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Call to Order

Additions and Corrections

Public Comment Period

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from November 29, 2022 and December 1, 2022 Cannabis Committee meetings.

Regular Agenda

2. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors Cannabis Committee.
3. Approve Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Meeting Schedule.
4. Receive a report on the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program Regulatory Update.

Presenter: Richard O. Ordonez, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

5. Receive a memoranda update on Cannabis Program performance indicators, SMART goals, legislative updates, and active grants.

Presenter: Myles Echenique, Management Analyst II

6. Receive a Treasurer-Tax Collector memoranda update on commercial cannabis tax payments including quarterly payments.

Presenter: Lynnette Charlesworth, Management Analyst III

7.
 - a. Receive an update on the implementation of cannabis business tax payment plan agreements;
 - b. Support a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to extend the previously authorized conditional waiver of penalties and interest on unpaid installments of the annual commercial cannabis business tax imposed on cultivation activities for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, so long as the full amount due is received by the Treasurer-Tax Collector on or before November 30, 2023; and
 - c. Support a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors resume quarterly cannabis business tax installments for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
 - d. Provide further direction as appropriate.

Presenter: Joann Iwamoto, Cannabis Program Manager

8.
 - a. Receive information and provide direction regarding proposed amendments to Monterey County Code Chapter 7.90; and
 - b. Direct staff to present the Cannabis Committee's recommendation on the proposed amendments to Monterey County Code Chapter 7.90 to the Board of Supervisors; and
 - c. Receive information related to the proposed amendments to Monterey County Code Titles 20.67 and 21.67; and
 - d. Provide further direction as appropriate.

Presenter: Joann Iwamoto, Cannabis Program Manager

9. Receive an update on the "Good Standing" Criteria document and provide staff with any recommendations, if any.

Presenter: Myles Echenique, Management Analyst II

Adjournment

Committee Members: Supervisor Mary Adams and Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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