

Monterey County

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, September 1, 2022

2:00 PM

Cannabis Committee

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID 19

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, please do the following:

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2. If you choose not to attend the Cannabis Committee meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting. Please submit your comment to Misti Muramatsu at MuramatsuM@co.monterey.ca.us. Your comment will be placed into the record at the meeting.

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4. If you attend the Cannabis Committee meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, specifically you must maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-25-20, some or all Supervisors may participate in the meeting by telephone or video conference.

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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 July 7, 2022 Cannabis Committee meeting.

Regular Agenda

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

Presenter: Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

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

Presenter: Myles Echenique, Management Analyst II

4. Receive a Sheriff's Office memoranda requesting training funds from the Cannabis Program contingency fund.

Presenter: David Vargas, Sheriff Investigative Sergeant

5.
 - a. Receive a report regarding the current Cannabis Program "Good Standing" Criteria and which operators it applies to; and
 - b. Review the Monterey County cannabis industry's proposed commercial cannabis business tax rates, including fiscal impacts; and
 - c. Direct staff to present the Cannabis Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; and
 - d. Provide further direction as appropriate.
6.
 - a. Receive the proposed Cannabis Program commercial cannabis business shutdown procedure for business entities that either have submitted a cessation of business to the Cannabis Program or are found ineligible to continue operations; and
 - b. Direct staff to present the Cannabis Committee's recommendation to the Board of

Supervisors; and

- c. Provide further direction as appropriate.

Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is October 6, 2022.

Committee Members: Supervisor Mary Adams, Chair; Supervisor Chris Lopez, Vice Chair

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