

**County of Monterey
Action Minutes – Final
Cannabis Committee**



**Wednesday, September 6,
2023**

2:30 PM

Government Center – Monterey Room
168 West Alisal St., 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

Additions and Corrections

There were corrections to Item 5. The Memorandum title should read Titles 20 and 21.67, Interpretation for Commercial Cannabis Third-Party Processing.

Public Comment Period

Joey Espinoza expressed concern about fees that were recently increased by the Environmental Health Bureau. He and other industry members were not aware of these changes until after they had already been approved by the Board. He requested that commercial cannabis operators be notified of any proposed changes to fees that would affect them.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from July 28, 2023.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: The BOS Cannabis Committee Minutes from July 28, 2023 were approved by consensus.

Regular Agenda

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

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Report deemed as received.

2. Consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors sign a letter of support to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development requesting approval of the requested extension to the existing grant agreement.

Public Comment: Oliver Bates, Tyler Everett.

ACTION: The Cannabis Committee supported staff's recommendation with an additional request that the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development allow the County to retain \$100,000 if denial of the extension request was sustained. This

\$100,000 is to be used to conduct an analysis of the CEG program for GO-Biz leadership to consider in future grant solicitations. Staff was directed to bring this as a consent item to the full Board of Supervisors.

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

Public Comment: Michelle Hackett, Tyler Everett, Robert Roach.

ACTION: Report deemed as received.

4. Receive a presentation from the Office of Attorney General - Cannabis Control Section regarding the new Cannabis Administrative Prosecutor Program; receive a status update on the meeting outcomes from the Auditor-Controller Office, District Attorney Office, Housing and Community Development, Sheriff's Office, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and the Cannabis Program; and Provide direction to the Cannabis Program on how to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Monterey and the Office of Attorney General.

Public Comment: Oliver Bates, Tyler Everett, Joey Espinoza, Robert Roach, Kristina Parson, Harmony D'Angelo, Jeff Tillman.

ACTION: Staff directed to continue meeting with County departments and the Office of the Attorney General to revise the Memorandum of Understanding and return to the Cannabis Committee with this item.

5. Receive a status update on the Monterey County Titles 20.67 and 21.67 Interpretation for Third Party Processing of commercial cannabis plants.

Public Comment: Joey Espinoza, Chris Boggs.

ACTION: Report deemed as received.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.