

Appendix B: Comment Cards and Electronic Comments

Note: This page is a handout distributed by a speaker regarding the use of tax revenue.

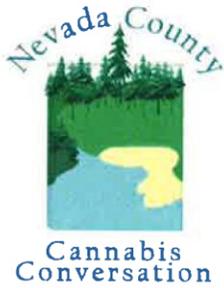
Assumption of Current Production:	\$250,000,000	Assumed Taxation rate:	4.00%
Revenue:	\$340,560,000	Possible Taxation Income:	\$13,622,400
Area of Nevada County acres:	623,360		
Proposed % of county:	0.10%		

Estimated Jobs:	4,800
Estimated Income per Job:	\$40,000
Total Job income (typically spent 7 times within community):	\$192,000,000
Acres	600
Number of Plants	258,000
Production per plant	1.65
Price of Product /Lb	\$800

Budgetary for Possible Taxation income:	Current Budget from Gov.	Proposed Budget	Increase in Budget
Homeless - HH:	\$300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,000,000
Other Homeless Expenditures (est.):	\$2,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000
Police (est.):	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
After School Programs:	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000

Possible Expansion in Community Based Housing			
Housing for Homeless	\$2,500,000	Units:	33
Low Income Housing:	\$3,000,000	Units:	40
		Total Housing Units Possible:	73

Total Expenditures and Income:	\$12,400,000
Financial Viability of program:	\$1,222,400



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COMMENT CARD

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Address: [Redacted]

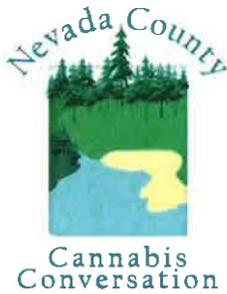
Comments:

- Driving "under the influence" is determined by a "field sobriety check", no matter what the substance.
- everyone on the CAG needs to know what all the licence types actually are. The county regulations must comply with the state licence program.

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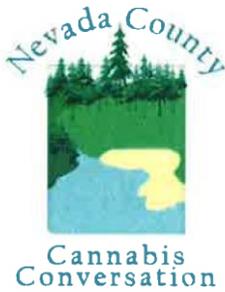
How is it that ~~so~~ many of the board members don't have a clue? Please educate them! Anyone can "Process" marijuana with a chair, table, trimming shears, and a fully mature cannabis plant. I live in a low income apartment, where some people are section 8. Since some people there live in a Federally funded apartment, so we are not allowed to smoke our medicine in our homes. We must make (manufacture) our own edibles.

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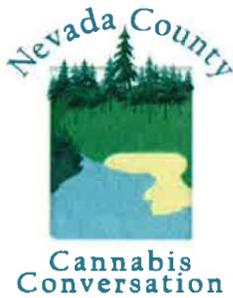
REC vs. MEDICINAL
There is still a big moral issue and negative judgement toward cannabis being used recreationally. This mindset is stifling to the process of fair, proper regulations. Our county must be open to the reality that the majority of our great state are ok with cannabis being used for recreation, relaxation, soothing anxiety, or creative process assistance. We are not trying to understand or get acceptance around this fact, but create a proper regulatory system for this lucrative industry. It can be done with integrity and stand true to good morals. Its time to embrace the times.

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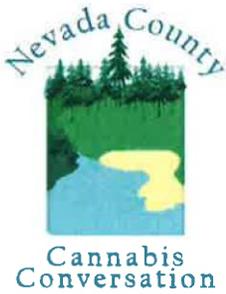
Comments:

Commercial v.s. Personal.
once a product enters the market to be sold, it falls under commercial. The word commercial seems to paint the picture that there will be an explosion of farms and sizes. That's why regulation is important. Its already commercial, now we need to create a platform for our local farmers to comply and become legitimate. Commercial does not have to be the downfall of a peaceful community, but it could give rise to the small farmers who are honest and being responsible stewards of the land, if its done properly. It has the potential to become a healthy, supportive industry for our county financially.

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Date: 6-14-17

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments:

* permitted residence *

In an effort to move out of residential areas, many cultivators have bought Ag Zoned parcels, many without houses. I would ask why ~~are~~ is a "legally permitted residence" a part of our current ordinance. Is it for public health and safety? If so, ~~is~~ can these concerns be addressed differently? Would a fence, locked gate work? Also, in terms of security, ~~state~~ keep in mind that the internet is spotty in Agricultural areas. If a legally permitted residence is a part of our permanent ordinance, please make a plan to allow cultivators a smooth process with the county CDA. To allow permitting cold-

cultivation
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frames

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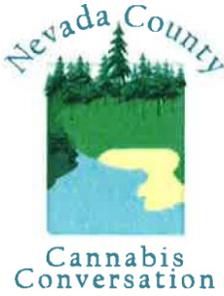
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time as building
permits.

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Please allow amnesty for cultivations who are in the

permitted process of building a house.



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Home-based manufacturing: manufacturing is defined as volatile and non-volatile ^{at the state level}. Clearly, butane honey oil labs are not appropriate in residential areas, but we should consider and allow for tincture making (cannabis in alcohol) and distillation. This is how herbal medicines (non-psychoactive) are already made through the county and not a threat to public safety. Although, any commercial kitchen should work, whether it be in a residence, in a city, or as part of an Agricultural Cooperative.

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Comments:

edibles —

Please remember patients with laryngeal or oral cancers get tremendous relief from cannabis edibles lollipops, gummies, "Jolly Ranchers" as the method of delivery (sucking) is most ^{satisfying} beneficial form of delivery

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Nurseries → many people grow seed stock to maintain their crops year-to-year = some w/ cannabis → what would happen to seeds I would harvest? — I Don't like clones

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AB 1616 was passed Aug 2012,
the California Homemade Food Act
It allows Californians to make
food at home ^{for sale} without a license
It must be designated by the
state as "non-potentially hazardous"
meaning it has a low risk of
spreading bacteria.

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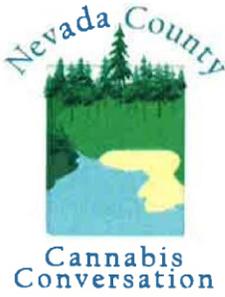
AS WE SEE WITH THE FDA,
ONLY 15% OF THEIR FUNDING IS
FEDERAL. 85% COMES FROM
THE INDUSTRY THEY REGULATE,
WILL INDUSTRY OR THE STATE
PAY FOR FUNDING FOR CANNABIS
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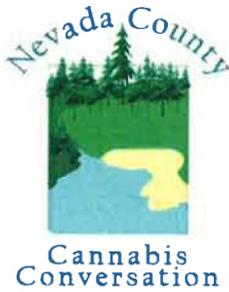
Thank You for your time. Many do not realize, but the strength of our community is in the Cannabis Industry. I've grown up here. I see and know people who grow for medical and commercial purposes. These are kind, caring, good people. This industry is changing, and once again we are seeing the middle class lose out on the deal. Please help ensure the prosperity and integrity of this community by allowing middle class people to grow Cannabis commercially.

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I think we should allow all models of sales and cultivation based on the state regulations. Definitely should allow nurseries and tasting rooms.

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The following comments were submitted by email to cagcomments@migcom.com:

Comment 1:

Hello,

I am writing to you today to discuss cannabis in Nevada County. First, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Environmental Science and I am obtaining a Masters in Business. I have managed businesses and non-profits for many years. My fiancée and I both had careers in the Bay Area however, we felt constricted by the high cost of living. We fell in love with this area and felt it was the right move to make. We could afford to buy a house and property, we are close to family, we are close the rivers, lakes, hiking and recreation that we enjoy, we also love the small town community feeling that Grass Valley and Nevada City offer.

We bought a house just outside Grass Valley on 5 acres of Ag zoned land. We plan to start our family and raise our kids here. We engage in the community supporting local businesses, attending local events and performances. We started to grow cannabis for our own personal use and through the benefit that we have seen to our own health, we want to increase the benefit that we are able to provide by expanding under the new State regulations. We have done market analysis, formulated a detailed business plan and have a clear pathway for our business to expand and provide a quality organic product.

Unfortunately, the current county ordinance makes it impossible for a relatively small operation to ready ourselves for licensing in 2018.

This area has seen an increase in the number of cannabis farms over the past few years due to its ideal climate. I believe that the positive impact can greatly outweigh any negative as long as the county is willing to embrace the legal cannabis community by providing clear and workable pathways towards legal cultivation. With county and community support for cultivation, growers are more likely to reinvest back into the communities that embrace them through good actions, community involvement and community donation. Cannabis cultivators are typically altruistically minded and the spirit of giving back is paramount. However, why should we give back to a community that does not embrace us? Why should we reinvest in a community in which we feel marginalized and criminalized by the county leadership? I would much rather reinvest into this community through my taxes and charitable giving knowing that I am a part of this community rather than apart from it.

The county ordinance currently does not provide a pathway for local farmers to obtain licenses with the State which will negatively impact the economy of the county. My family is now facing the difficult choice whether we want to stay in this area that we love and feel is our home, or to pursue our career in the cannabis industry elsewhere if we cannot obtain county permit and hence state license. Without changes to the current county ordinance this is a serious dilemma that we have to face and I'm sure we're not the only residents to be contemplating the same thing. I believe the current ordinance and fine structure does more harm than good to this county both socially and economically.

I believe strongly that Nevada County must evolve in light of new State regulations to benefit not only cannabis cultivators but the community as a whole.

- I support the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance's recommendation that Nevada County approve an ordinance to align with the State requirements set forth by AUMA by 2018. Since the CAG is anticipating March 2018 as their target, I urge you to find a temporary solution which will help those of us seeking licensing in 2018 a pathway to stay competitive in this market prior to the permanent 2018 ordinance. Even if this means we cannot apply for State license in January, we can be taking steps towards readying our property and businesses.

- I believe a pathway towards a new ordinance should include relaxation of the current ordinance and fine structure so that cultivators may prepare for the upcoming property improvement and business structure investments that we need to make in order to meet State requirements something that most “cottage farmers” cannot afford without significant capital. A more relaxed placeholder ordinance will allow cultivators to abide by county ordinance and prepare for 2018 changes without fear of unreasonable fines from the county and will keep “good-acting” citizens in this area which is economically beneficial to the community.
- I also support the recommendation of a registry which would give growers protection from retaliation by law enforcement during this transition period. This registry must be managed in a way that provides law abiding farmers protection and must be kept private in order for farmers to feel comfortable in participating. If we want to encourage farmers to uphold the ordinance and law, we must protect those that act in good faith.
- As a grower, in order to feel comfortable investing more capital into the necessary steps towards State license I would like to feel confident that the county level ordinance will be expanded so I may obtain state license in 2018, otherwise I am wasting my time and hard earned capital. I am looking to structure in accordance with the State law, pay taxes and regulatory fees, however the county does not seem to be interested in providing a viable pathway to do so.

Strict regulations and ordinances do not serve this community in positive ways or solve the problems of bad-actors with questionable practices. The only thing that strict unreasonable regulations will do is to drive out the law abiding citizens who wish to cultivate in accordance with State allowances leaving Nevada County with the same un-taxed, unregulated and questionable grows which have already proven not to be beneficial. Alternatively, without support from the County for “cottage growers” to succeed, there will be gap to be filled by big business who will not care about the environmental impact of their operations, who will not spend their profits locally and will essentially “snatch and grab” without giving anything back to the communities in which they operate; lets not let this happen to Nevada County.

My fiance and I represent a growing demographic of younger couples or families who have or will move to this area. We do not wish for this area to be developed like the Bay Area or Roseville, we like that this area has many activities and has a good mix of traditional hometown feel as well as forward-thinking energy. With the new state legalization, it seems that we are a growing demographic., there are many who share the same values of community, family, small local businesses and service which is what draws us here. We are young and we grow because we see how beneficial cannabis can be for people and yet we don't embody the typical image that some may have regarding growers. Personally, I don't use cannabis for the psychoactive effect and stick to non-psychoactive CBD strains. In fact, I work with children in the Bay Area most of the year and in no way do the two occupations overlap ever. I feel a great responsibility towards children, teens and young adults when it comes to cannabis, as I'm sure many cultivators would agree. Even those outside my specific demographic, such as my parents who are in their 70's, are looking to move to this area and buy a house (taxes) and are interested in growing cannabis; this is not limited to younger generations.

I would like to convey to the supervisors and to the CAG that there is a different face of cannabis than what some might fear. In order to stay prosperous, Nevada county should seek to attract people such as myself to this area to keep it alive. It seems to be the growing interest of the county's constituents as demonstrated by the defeat of Measure W and county surveys which show the numbers of Nevada County residents who would like to seek State licenses in 2018. We need to be encouraging future

generations and families to establish their lives in this community and with the state passing Prop 64, that means being open to and encouraging the cannabis industry in Nevada County.

We are law abiding citizens, and we wish to continue to be so without having to leave this area, which has become our home, to pursue our passion. I urge you to continue the conversations with the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance, Cal Growers Association, Women Grow, farmers, businesses owners, community members and other stakeholders to find a reasonable and viable county ordinance which allows cannabis farmers and business owners to pursue their passions and remain competitive in the changing cannabis industry while also protecting this wonderful community with the hometown feeling that I have come to love.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Comment 2:

I work in solar and much of my business is from the growers community. I've lived here for close to 15 years. I think that not producing cannabis in this area would be a travesty if any regulations should be made its a ten year residency (keep it local).

Comment 3:

Please accept the below email as a resource for CAG members to educate themselves on county and state cannabis regulations.

What Other Counties are Doing - First steps:

- Several Counties have established a “**transition period**” prior to enforcing cannabis cultivation ordinances, or some sort of remediation action, to allow cultivators a path towards compliance:
- Sonoma County: Existing cannabis cultivation cooperatives or collectives that demonstrate to the review authority that they were in operation before January 1, 2016 shall have until January 1, 2018 to come into compliance with the new ordinance.
- Humboldt County: Officials implemented the Retirement, Remediation, and Relocation (RRR) program (55.4.14) was added to the ordinance as part of the substituted mitigation measures related to permitting as described in 4 above. The purpose of the RRR program is, “to incentivize, promote, and encourage the retirement, remediation and relocation of existing cannabis cultivation occurring in inappropriate or marginal environmentally sensitive sites to relocate to environmentally superior sites.” RRR allows existing operators that meet the criteria to relocate to a site that meets the criteria for new cannabis cultivation.
- **Mendocino:** Mendocino has implemented the Application Affidavits to demonstrate **Proof of Cultivation**. Applicants must show that they were actually cultivating, where on the parcel, and how large the cultivation area was at the time. This documentation can take many forms, but photographic imagery is one of the best. Proof of participation in the County’s 9.31 cultivation program. At least one additional document demonstrating cultivation activities prior to January 1, 2016, which may be used to substitute for photographic documentation or map imagery of cultivation activities prior to January 1, 2016 Medical Cannabis Cultivation - Regulation Application Checklist

County Ordinances:

- Trinity County: Is allowing farmers interested in using their properties for cannabis cultivation to begin assembling all information required for the application packet they have already developed. Although the final ordinance has not yet be voted in, cannabis activist and opponents have been working together to adopt regulations that make sense for all: <http://www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=371>
- Santa Barbara: In January 2016, the county supervisors adopted a ban on all new medical marijuana cultivation. This created a fuzzy landscape because county officials don't know who is growing and when they started. Speculation abounds that many now growing medical marijuana were not doing so prior to 2016, which is why it is so important that in Nevada County we implement a registration process, a grace or transition period for existing cultivators to come into compliance. <https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:Efs3RSV2IIMJ:https://www.cannabizcouncilsb.org/si+ngle-post/2017/02/14/Recommended-Santa-Barbara-County-CannabisOrdinance+&cd=17&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>
- Santa Cruz County created an ombudsman position to help with the development of a commercial cannabis industry for the county. Their registration form is also a good way for the county to establish data regarding past, current and planned cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area and establish a pool of registrants that will be authorized to submit an application for the commercial cultivation of cannabis <http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=4165>
- Sonoma: Sonoma has done an excellent job at creating a clear and easy to read lad use table for Allowed Cannabis Uses and Permit Requirements for Agricultural and Resource Zones: Please see pages 18 through 20 of the ordinance attached in the link. Sonoma also created an ombudsman position to help with the development of a commercial cannabis industry for the county. This position will be held by Tim Riccard. In addition, Sonoma created allowances for all license types within unincorporated areas of the county in industrial and commercial. <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=2147528870>
- Mendocino: Allows for all license types within unincorporated areas of the county - zoning for industrial and commercial. http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/pdf/Cannabis_-_Ordinance_4381.pdf
Mendo Application Packet: http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/gs/pdf/Cannabis_Application_Packet_4.24.17.pdf
- Humboldt: Allows for all license types within unincorporated areas of the county: <http://www.humboldt.gov.org/2124/Medical-Marijuana-Land-Use-Ordinance>
- Tuolumne County: The county has hired SCI Consulting, a third-party mediator, to help with permanent cannabis recommendations. Similar to Nevada County, the process will take about 10 months.
- Sierra County: Cannabis advocates are currently working alongside concerned residents of the county to establish a cultivation ordinance.

City Ordinances:

- Santa Rosa: Santa Rosa put a cap on how much commercial space can be taken up by cannabis activities other than cultivation: <http://srcity.org/404/Medical-Cannabis>

- Santa Rosa Tax Structure: <https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5001926&GUID=FF5C0D38-A6CC406E-BEE3-B0DFDA189207>
- Arcata: Arcata allows for a cannabis campus -- a specifically zoned area for cannabis cultivation <http://www.cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/3928>
- Los Angeles: Los Angeles implemented a fair tax structure that takes into consideration the financial hardships of small operators: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1100-S2_misc_12-23-16.pdf
- San Francisco Dispensary Ordinance: Like Los Angeles, it has a tax structure that takes into consideration the high cost of doing business in San Francisco <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/MCD/default.asp>

STATE REGULATIONS:

- **Governors trailer bill - new language released June 12, 2017:**
- California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR) will license dispensaries and all medical marijuana businesses that do not grow cannabis or manufacture cannabis products. [Here are their proposed regulations.](#) [Here are proposed regulations for testing.](#)
- California Department of Food & Agriculture, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, will license cannabis cultivators. [Here are their proposed regulations.](#)
- California Department of Health, Office of Manufactured Cannabis Safety (OMCS), will license manufacturers of cannabis products. [Here are their proposed regulations.](#)

Nevada City's Cannabis Related Activities:

Nevada City recently approved a dispensary ordinance for its city limits. It is expected to approve an application process at its June 14th regular City Council meetings. The Nevada City Planning Commission recently approved a draft ordinance for other cannabis business license types such as manufacturing, distribution, transportation, testing labs and processing facilities. The planning commission tweaked several items on the draft ordinance, including allowing volatile solvents in manufacturing cannabis products. The draft ordinance will now have to be considered by the City Council Wednesday June 14 before it is approved.

Comment 4:

Hello and thank you for this opportunity to allow feedback, that I hope will lead you, and us to reasonable regulations for both our community and cannabis growers.

I attended the meeting on June 13. Here is what I observed that I hope will be applied and demonstrated at the next meeting.

I was disappointed to witness the facilitator/mediator asking the committee to vote on things they do not understand, have any experience with, or know how the question(s) might relate to the State MRSA guidelines. If these voting results are to be considered for a final ordinance that will support or hinder

reasonable regulations for our community and cannabis growers, it is imperative that the committee members understand the questions being asked.

For example, how can the committee vote on if there should be local cannabis lab testing sites, when more than half did not even know what a testing lab does, what is required, and why testing is so important to produce a profile of a product.

I also noticed more than 2 committee members voted NO, I do not support..blah blah....and when they stated why they voted NO...they said "I do not have enough information" or "I don't know anything about that". So instead of voting NO...I do not want or support a testing lab, transportation from a farm...they should have been voting "I don't know."

I believe it is the job of the facilitator to explain what each selected response represents.

I also feel strongly that "I don't know" should be changed to "I don't have enough information", so the mediator and committee can identify where education needs to be shared. Basically, YOU CAN'T ASK COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VOTE ON SOMETHING THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. If the committee doesn't have direct experience of what a cannabis nursery looks like, or how product is to be moved from farm to distribution, then you cannot create or suggest reasonable regulations based on votes or responses that do not reflect reality, or the casted vote.

Here are my suggestions

- I feel strongly that the committee have a brief description or an example of what they are voting on right before voting. They should be informed on what Distribution is, which is by the way different than Transportation. To put those two together for the committee to vote on made it apparent to me that the MIG is also uninformed on the cannabis industry operations as well.

I was astonished at how many times Jonathan was called to site what is in MRSA, when every committee member should know what is in the State regulations themselves.

- Committee members also showed their ignorance or preference to cannabis for recreation or medical purposes. The committee members need to be educated and informed on the basics of the industry before voting on such matters. It is also the responsibility of the committee members to spend time in between meetings to be briefed and educated on the definitions of what they will be voting on.

I would like the facilitator to step in and guide members to correct voting choices. Choose "I don't have enough information", if that is what is happening. Don't choose "No I don't support...." unless one is truly making an informed voting choice.

Thank you and I hope to see a more professional and comprehensive display of questions, information, and guidance around how to cast a vote.

Comment 5:

First of all, let me say how happy I am that the members of the CAG are willing to put in the time and energy to this process. I am very happy this conversation is taking place in Nevada County and I thank each member for their service and commitment to this community.

I have included my comments to the questions that were posed to the CAG in yesterday's meeting. My perspective is from that of a grower trying to find my way through all this towards State licensing in 2018.

I will first say that ***I urge the group to review the State Regulations as I believe that many of the concerns of the group are addressed in the State regs and provisions for many of the concerns that have been raised are addressed at the state level. I urge CAG to adopt local ordinance closely tied to the State Regulations.***

Processing/ Manufacturing:

Clear definitions of certain actions is paramount to have a workable ordinance. Processing is not the same as manufacturing and even within the 'manufacturing' definition according to the State, there is difference between 'volatile' and 'non-volatile'. Processing to me, a grower, is the drying, curing and trimming of the plant material.

Manufacturing to me is more the process of changing the plant material into something else, oil, tincture etc. I share the concerns about making oils with volatile materials and have never done so. However, the process of making butter and tinctures does not pose a threat and shouldn't be restricted in the home or at the cultivation site. Jonathan seems to be a very good person to explain these different practices so the CAG may fully understand what the steps are for making such products and can educate the members as to which manufacturing procedures might be dangerous and which should still be allowed.

What about when someone goes to a farmers market and buys homemade honey or cheese, the buyer has a certain level of expectation that the product may not have been manufactured in a commercial kitchen however we may still buy the product anyways.

What is the state requirement for sale of manufactured goods? Will the state be requiring products be labeled as having been made in a commercial kitchen? I don't know the answer but I would think that the state regs have some discussion on this topic. It seems that certain products would need to be manufactured in a commercial kitchen and others do not. I would defer to State regs on this one.

Transport:

Transport must be allowed in Nevada county. Out of state transport should not be the focus of this discussion regarding county ordinance as this is not allowed at both the State and Federal level. Instead, in state transport is a necessary component of cannabis industry. How can I, as a grower, get my product to customers, or get it to testing or to a manufacturing facility without being allowed to transport? There also shouldn't be restrictions on how much can be transported, a grower may be bringing their entire harvest to a buyer, or a manufacturing facility at once to save on costs. Encouraging only one trip to a facility or buyer rather than several is also in the best interest of the community regarding traffic concerns. Again I would look at the provisions set forth by the state. Limiting transport to licensed persons or those acting on behalf of a licensed person (employee, collective volunteer) will also help to ensure that youth access to cannabis is thus limited as well.

Testing:

I think it would be great to allow a testing lab in Nevada County. In past years i have had to bring my product out of the area to the labs in the Bay Area which is dangerous for me. Having testing in Nevada county will allow for a more cost effective way for local growers to test their products. Having easier access to testing locally will encourage local growers to test more of their product. With respect to appellations efforts, local testing facilities will help local growers get their product tested quicker differentiating and defining this area as a quality producer of cannabis.

Allowing a testing facility in this area will also be a great way to create jobs for local people to work at the lab. Labs such as Steep Hill Labs are professional and responsible and demonstrate the level of professionalism that I would expect in Nevada County. Could the CAG be given a tour of a reputable lab to get a sense of their practice and their methods of disposing potential hazardous materials? I think touring a facility would be beneficial towards making an informed decision regarding allowing labs in this area.

Home Based Sales:

This needs more definition. Growers aren't in the habit of having multiple single or small sale customers come to their house or cultivation site. We would prefer either bringing the harvested product to a buyer offsite or to have trusted brokers or buyers only come to the property. This wouldn't increase traffic congestion on rural roads. Allowing a grower the freedom to make in home sales where the broker or buyer can come to view the operation also adds to the differentiation in the market if the broker can see the quality and care that has gone into the growing process.

There also needs to be refinement of the definition of products for sale. If a grower is selling byproducts such as trimmed flower ("trim") or the crystal ("keef") to someone who will be manufacturing oils and other products, should this not be allowed at the cultivation site? I think that the distinction lays in what is the nature of the sale. If someone is manufacturing and producing marketed products such as oils, tinctures and salves on a large scale basis, I think that this should happen in a commercial setting since the nature of the individual sales are smaller and therefore more frequent which does put a strain on the neighboring roadways around the property.

Traffic:

I don't believe that there will be increased traffic than what is already going on at cultivation sites. These activities are already happening and as mentioned above I can't see too much increased traffic in the rural/ag zoned areas. Perhaps there would be increased traffic in town where dispensaries, storefronts or labs might be established. A non-cannabis example of increased traffic in rural areas would be a property owner who has horses and decides to lead a 4H horse project. This then increases traffic to the property with 4Hers who come to ride and participate in the project activities from time to time perhaps more during times when they are preparing for a show. Would the CAG discourage that type of activity in rural areas? Why should we limit the same or less level of activity surrounding cannabis? Growers may have people come to their house, but just like anyone might have guests at their house how would someone differentiate and regulate whether traffic is cannabis related or a guest?

Nurseries:

It is good to keep quality plants in this area. We are known for good healthy plants an strains. It is realistic to limit the plants to CBD strains as many higher THC content strains are therapeutic to many people in other ways than CBD. If we can't have local access to nurseries, we have to incur more expense by driving further and put plants under more transport strain if we have to go out of area for our plants. As Forrest mentioned at the meeting, the alternative is that we keep "mom" plants all year

round which poses an extra expense to the grower and a strain on the energy resources of the state. It is unfair to ask all growers to bear the cost of lights, water and nutrients for the plants year round when it would be so much easier to allow nurseries, or to allow individuals who are better equipped for this, to undertake this practice. Again what is the State regulation on this?

Tasting Rooms:

Yes this area is already known for Cannabis so deterring tasting rooms or other commercial business won't stop that. In fact, effort is being put into branding and differentiating the cannabis industry of Nevada County through appellation efforts. If we encourage local wineries and allow them to open storefront tasting rooms, how is this any different? I think the question is really whether to allow this at the cultivation site (not too many will want to do this) or at a storefront in town.

Isn't this a zoning issue? Allowing tasting rooms in more commercial areas takes away the issue of increased traffic in Rural /Ag zone areas. Wouldn't a tasting room fall under commercial anyways? I like the idea of allowing this in commercial areas as it would bring more people to this area. One CAG member brought this up from a standpoint that she did not wish for people to come to this area "for cannabis" but would prefer this area to be known for it's other qualities. Another opinion that I heard yesterday was that we need to be thinking not in terms of the past but in terms of the changing culture. Nevada County has many qualities which might draw people to visit, why couldn't cannabis tasting be one of them? In fact, someone might be drawn to this area for cannabis tasting and then recognize the other shopping, food and recreational qualities of the area and more likely to spend more money or return to this area again which would be beneficial to this county. Not all "cannabis tasters" are undesirable people. Allowing tasting storefronts would add jobs to the area and would be a revenue generator for the county.

Access to youth:

We as a community should promote public health education to help parents and children understand responsible cannabis use and potential abuse. However this shouldn't be the main driving force for pushing cannabis back into prohibition. These emergency room stories have all happened under prohibition, more prohibition only makes it more taboo which is really what kids are after when they act inappropriately. A parent who smokes cigarettes or keeps liquor in the house could leave these items around for kids to get a hold of which poses a much greater risk. As Forrest mentioned yesterday, the emergency response for cannabis consumption is much different than for pills or alcohol consumption by youth. There is no response other than creating a relaxing environment for the afflicted to let the effect subside.

I agree that there should be responsibility of the manufacturer to not produce products that are marketed to or attractive to kids. However the restrictions for this should be along the lines of marketing and placement of cigarettes.

My fear if we start enacting restrictions with regard to cultivation and youth is that it will restrict the growers who are also parents. We should not discriminate based on family who can and cannot be a grower. I myself am a grower plan to raise a family on my cultivation site. What about parents who brew their own beer? This is no different, it comes down to the parent being responsible enough to teach their children responsibility towards cannabis. As was mentioned yesterday, this area is an aging population, if we want to encourage families to in Nevada county, we need to be open to the idea that family units also grow cannabis and growers in these situations educate their children as to the

responsibilities surrounding cannabis. Please do not make me choose between making a living in cannabis and having a family.

Comment 6:

Information for CAG Members

EIR Environmental Impact Report

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/calcannabis/documents/CDFA_CalCannabis_DEIR_Vol1.pdf

State setbacks recommend for commercial grows are (75 feet form the property line or 300 ft from nearest neighbors structure / house)

Trailer Bill

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720

[180SB94](#) License Types Examples

LICENSE TYPES The following license types are established under AB 266 (B&P code 19300.7)) and SB 643 (19331(g) and 19332):

(1) Type 1 = Cultivation; Specialty outdoor. Up to 5,000 square ft of canopy, or up to 50 noncontiguous plants

Big - <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJn10AUBQv2/?taken-by=mendoseeds>

Small / lightdep - <https://www.instagram.com/p/BGre6yBH5sN/?taken-by=mendoseeds>

(2) Type 1A = Cultivation; Specialty indoor. Up to 5000 sq ft

Led Grow - <https://www.instagram.com/p/BVY7frwAzTT/?taken-by=differentshadesofgreen>

(3) Type 1B = Cultivation; Specialty mixed-light. Using exclusively artificial lighting. Light dep large or with extra light ...

https://www.instagram.com/p/BVZ7bZZgQsD/?taken-by=medicine_box

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BVZzxXjIMX6/?taken-by=originalbluebastard>

(11) Type 4 = Cultivation; Nursery.

<https://www.instagram.com/rootsofcali/>

Other Cannabis Processing: Done by the grower ...

Typically in a detached climate controlled building ... with smell reduction. Aka Metal Building or Detached Garage ... Some Growers trim wet some dry, based on workers available, some use a mechanical trim machine that generally produce a less desired product.

<http://www.westword.com/news/marijuana-trimming-isnt-just-an-illegal-trade-anymore-5836567>

<https://www.google.com/search?q=cannabis+drying&safe=off&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewjP5rOW38>

https://www.google.com/search?q=cannabis+drying&safe=off&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahLUAhUH3WMKHT6pCMsQ_AUIDCgD&biw=1920&bih=929#safe=off&tbm=isch&q=cannabis+drying+room

(k) Type 6 = Manufacturer 1 for products not using volatile solvents.

Heat Press

<https://www.instagram.com/sasquashrosinress/> #Rosin

Dry extract with screens ... Wet extract with water / ice screens

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BU7z2nals-S/?taken-by=bubblemanbrand> #Kief

#Bubble Alcohol based non flammable

https://www.instagram.com/p/BUM7GuiF6oh/?taken-by=jay_plantspeaker #RSO #Cancer Patients

(l) Type 7 = Manufacturer 2 for products using volatile solvents.

Butane http://www.thepicta.com/media/1523519517149194357_3813334547

CO2 High Pressure

http://www.thepicta.com/media/1523519517149194357_3813334547

(m) Type 8 = Testing

<https://www.sequoia-labs.com/>

(n) Type 10 = Dispensary; General <https://www.instagram.com/p/BUo2PjJ7FT/?taken-by=raredank>

https://www.instagram.com/p/BUSZs4alrFE/?taken-by=kind_leaf

<http://www.eastoregonian.com/20161216/pot-shop-partners-ready-to-try-out-pendletons-regulations>

(o) Type 10E = Dispensary; Delivery

<https://weedmaps.com/deliveries/in/united-states/california/auburn-grass-valley>

(p) Type 11 = Distribution

Makes sure the cannabis is packaged and tested ...

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/545ff4f0e4b08fe952df9ad9/t/565f441ae4b0c3732f9e0514/1449083931570/> <https://www.thclabelsolutions.com/bottle-container-label-applicator.html>

(q) Type 12 = Transporter - Transports Cash and cannabis from farm to retail

https://www.google.com/search?q=cannabis+armored+truck&safe=off&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjv_hb_b3sLUAhVHKWMKHbEqBk8Q_AUICygC&biw=1920&bih=929

Comment 7 (Received May 23, 2017):

To Whom It May Concern: There was a lot of discussion on less regulation and more places to grow Cannabis. I believe the CAG members must read the proposed California regulations on Medical Marijuana in preparation for the ensuing discussion and debate. California has already set the tone on regulations (attached) which is more restrictive than most folks believe or want. Counties are only allowed to be more restrictive and not less restrictive. The comment period on the attached regulations is in progress as shown below. This information may already be a part of the CAG package but I forward just in case.

“CDFA Releases Draft Regulations on California’s Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program

SACRAMENTO, April 28, 2017 — The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) today released proposed regulations for the state medical cannabis cultivation and licensing program.

Release of the draft regulations marks the official start of a 45-day public comment period provided under California law. All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments about the proposed regulations to CalCannabis, the branch of CDFA that is overseeing the cannabis cultivation regulatory framework.

“We truly want to hear from Californians who care about the cannabis cultivation licensing process,” said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. “This is an opportunity to help us make sure we develop the best and most effective regulatory framework for our state. I encourage people to carefully review the proposed regulations—then tell us what you think.”

You can read the proposed cannabis cultivation licensing regulations at California’s cannabis web portal, cannabis.ca.gov.

Comments may be submitted in writing during the 45-day open-comment period, or verbally at one of the four public hearings that are planned. The hearing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 1pm-3pm

Delhi Center, Ballroom
505 East Central Avenue, Santa Ana, CA

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 1pm-3pm

Visalia Convention Center, Sequoia Room
303 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 1pm-3pm

Ukiah Convention Center, Cabernet Room
200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 1pm-3pm

California Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA

The last day for the public to submit comments is Monday, June 12, 2017, by 5pm (PST). Written comments received after this date will not be considered for modification of the proposed rulemaking. There is currently budget trailer bill language designed to align the Medical Cannabis Safety and Regulation Act with Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. If that bill passes, these proposed regulations will be withdrawn and a new set of regulations will be proposed that is consistent with changes in the law. However, public comments on the regulations published today are still very important, as many of the provisions in the licensing regulations published today will carry over to new regulations if the trailer bill passes.

CalCannabis is preparing to accept applications for state cannabis cultivation licenses beginning January 1, 2018.

For more information and updates on California’s cannabis cultivation licensing program, please visit CalCannabis at calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov.”

I will also suggest, as a minimum, a paper copy of the CAG Meeting Agenda for each meeting be made available to the public at the door.

Thank you for listening!!!

Attachment:

https://static.cdfa.ca.gov/MCCP/document/CalCannabis%20Proposed%20Medical%20Regulations_4.28.17.pdf