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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Sean Powers, CDA Director  
**SUBJECT:** Discuss the County's long-term cannabis cultivation regulations policy questions and direct County Counsel to begin drafting a revised ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss the County's long-term cannabis cultivation regulations policy questions and direct County Counsel to begin drafting a revised ordinance.

**FUNDING:** N/A. This reflects tasks related to ongoing work administered through multiple budgets.

**BACKGROUND:** On April 11, 2017 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with MIG to facilitate an independent and impartial process of gathering community input regarding the development of long-term cannabis regulations. MIG assisted in forming and delivering a stakeholder process known as the Community Advisory Group (CAG). Beginning on May 23, 2017 and ending on December 19, 2017, the CAG held ten public meetings and received input for the County's long-term cannabis cultivation regulations. Substantial presentations, discussion, public comment and written comment were received in that timeframe. One task within the scope of the MIG contract was to prepare a recommendation report from the CAG capturing the input and summarizing the discussions of the CAG members. The CAG's recommendations are one piece of the public input process.

On January 9, 2018, the Board received the CAG recommendation report and did not take any significant cannabis policy actions. The report contained a substantial amount of information and the intent was to allow the Board to review the information and come back for additional discussion. The only action taken at that meeting was determining the CAG process complete and dissolving the CAG. Attached for review is the CAG recommendation summary table from that meeting for quick reference.

During the CAG process, significant changes occurred with State regulations. Building from the passage of Proposition 64 in the November 2016 election, revised emergency regulations were released by the State in June 2017 (SB-94) and November 2017 (Emergency Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulations). Substantial comments are expected by the State in early 2018 and additional changes are expected by mid-2018. There may be additional rounds of clean up language thereafter as the regulations evolve.

The presentation will allow the Board to discuss and frame some of the policy questions that will assist County Counsel with drafting the ordinance revision. No action items are requested of the Board and these policy questions will come back to the Board in more detail for consideration in the ordinance revision.

Policy areas for Board discussion:

- Personal cultivation
- Zoning
- Setbacks
- Medical and Adult Use
- Commercial cultivation
- Commercial cannabis supply chain
- Non-Remuneration
- Residence requirement
- Transition period
- Additional items brought up by the Board

These policy areas will be discussed at a high level to provide Board direction. All of these points may not be covered at this meeting depending on the amount of time the Board wishes to discuss these items.

The County's objective is to develop a long-term County cannabis ordinance that focuses on cultivation, protects neighborhoods, mitigates impacts, establishes appropriate activities for the County, and regulates a developing commercial cannabis industry.

There will be additional opportunities at future Board of Supervisors meetings for the public to provide input on the County's long-term cannabis cultivation regulations. There may be additional discussions with the Board to further refine their policy direction for drafting long-term cannabis regulations while monitoring the ever-changing State cannabis regulations.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Sean Powers, CDA Director

Submittal Date: February 2, 2018

Revision Date:

Attachments