

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Update

December 17, 2019



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Background – Prior Board Actions

- December 2016 – adopted Cannabis Business Tax, Health, and Land Use Ordinances
- January 2017 – established current Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee
- August 2018 – adopted amendments to Cannabis Business Tax and Health Ordinances
- October 2018 – adopted amendments to Cannabis Land Use Ordinance



Current Status

- Lengthy process
- Could do better
- Costly



Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations



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Penalty Relief

- Complete Assessments
- Path to hearing
- Determine date and schedule hearing by June 30, 2020



Penalty Relief

- Add flexibility for staff to allow project amendments related to disaster relief or increased neighborhood compatibility



Penalty Relief

- 42 applicants remaining
- FY 2018-19 Cultivation Taxes: \$782k
- FY 2018-19 Penalties and Fines: \$1M



Outdoor Cultivation and Program Improvements

- Transfer cultivation operations from Permit Sonoma to Department of Agriculture / Weights & Measures
- Permit Sonoma will continue to be lead agency for building permits
- County Administrator will continue to coordinate across agencies and manage the transition/business plan



Original Jurisdiction

- Prioritize controversial permits
- Reduce timeline by approximately 6 – 8 months
- Focus on penalty relief projects



Original Jurisdiction

- 19 projects initially recommended (16 Penalty Relief)
- Schedule 3-4 per special session Mondays occurring in 2020:
 - February 10th
 - March 16th
 - April 13th
 - May 18th
 - July 27th
 - September 14th
 - November 30th
 - December 14th
- Simple Board majority needed 3/5



Code Enforcement

- Department of Agriculture – permit applicant and licensed cultivator code enforcement, regulated market
- Department of Agriculture – enforcement arm of the State
- Permit Sonoma – non-regulated market enforcement
- Transition plan presented at following Ad Hoc quarterly update



Ordinance Update

- Direct staff to shift priorities from a countywide environmental impact review toward changes that don't require that level of environmental review
- Make cultivation permits ministerial
- Move cultivation permits to Department of Agriculture (included in transition/business plan at quarterly update)
- Maintain building permits related to cannabis with Permit Sonoma
- Update dispensary ordinance



Recommended Board Actions

- Receive update on the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee and accept recommendations for program improvements.
- Approve the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee's request for the Board of Supervisors to exercise original jurisdiction for the following use permit applications:

UPC17-0072 2815 Leslie Rd., Santa Rosa (MWWS), UPC17-0037 6101 Cleland Ranch Rd., Santa Rosa (MWWS), UPC18-0001 885 Montgomery Rd, Sebastopol, UPC17-0026 841 Leslie Rd, Healdsburg, UPC17-0085 4050 Grange Rd., Santa Rosa, UPC17-0012 2211 London Ranch Rd., Glen Ellen , UPC17-0048, 12201 Highway 12, Glen Ellen, UPC17-0065 3803 Matanzas Creek Ln, Santa Rosa, UPC18-0015 2870 Leslie Rd./8373 Singing Hills, Santa Rosa, UPC17-0041 2000 Los Alamos Rd, Santa Rosa, UPC17-0095 3215 Middle Two Rock Rd, Petaluma, UPC18-0037 2260 Los Alamos Rd, Santa Rosa, UPC17-0069 1478 Valley Ford Freestone, Bodega, UPC17-0018 6095 Bodega Ave, Petaluma, PLP17-0040 351 Trinity Rd, Glen Ellen, UPC19-0002 101 Trinity Rd, Glen Ellen, UPC17-0032 520 Stage Gulch Rd, #A, Petaluma, UPC18-0022 2401 River Rd, Windsor, UPC17-0031 4222 Browns Ln, Petaluma

Priorities upon approval of program recommendations

- Land Use Changes (Planning Commission) by Fall 2020
- Potential changes to fee and penalties (Board of Supervisors) Summer 2020
- Schedule 19 projects selected for original jurisdiction for hearing between February & December 2020 (Board of Supervisors)
- Implement all program improvement efforts and ordinance amendments
 - Return with transition/business plan at future Ad Hoc quarterly update

Questions?

