Report required by Government Code § 65858(d) for Ordinance No. 6354, Prohibiting Issuance of Multi-tenant Cannabis Cultivation Permits

On September 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted an interim urgency ordinance (Ordinance No. 6354) prohibiting issuance of multi-tenant cannabis permits and extending the terms of current multi-tenant permits that would otherwise expire for the term of the urgency ordinance. The Board directed staff to return at a future date with policy options for the multi-tenant provision, for current multi-tenant permits, and for current multi-tenant applications.

Under Government Code section 65858, the initial term of an interim urgency ordinance is 45 days. After notice pursuant to Government Code section 65090 and a public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may extend the interim urgency ordinance for up to 22 months and 15 days. The action to extend the prohibition on large-scale multi-tenant cannabis cultivation permits will be considered by the Board on October 26, 2021.

Government Code section 65858(d) requires that 10 days prior to the expiration of an interim urgency ordinance, the Board issue a written report describing the measures being taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of the interim urgency ordinance.

Adoption of interim Ordinance No. 6354 was intended to allow County staff the time needed to prepare and evaluate various options for addressing the issues posed by the multi-tenant provision, which authorizes the issuance of multiple ministerial permits to different applicants when the same size grow would require a use permit if proposed by one applicant. Since the ordinance was enacted, staff has gathered additional information on current multi-tenant permits and applications and evaluated options for bringing the multi-tenant provision in line with other cannabis cultivation permitting to ensure the public safety, health, and welfare are protected. Staff will evaluate the narrower prohibition on largescale multi-tenant cannabis cultivation permits as it prepares a permanent ordinance to amend the multi-tenant provision.

This memo serves as the report required by Government Code section 65858. This memo will be published with the agenda materials for the Board's October 26, 2021 meeting, more than 10 days in advance of the expiration of Ordinance 6354.