



# SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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July 25, 2017

Supervisor Lynn Compton, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Compton:

The South County Advisory Council reviewed the latest version of the County's proposed draft of the Cannabis Activities Ordinance at its July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. After community input and discussion regarding recommendations from the Ad Hoc Cannabis Review Committee, the following actions were taken.

## Recommended changes to Title 22 amendments dated 6/20/17 – Cannabis Activities

1. Did not approve a recommendation to restrict all commercial cannabis cultivation (nursery, greenhouse and outdoor) for unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Did not approve a recommendation to proportionally allocate the first phase of commercial cultivation permits in direct relationship to the amount of area in each Supervisor's unincorporated area.
3. Approved a recommendation to restrict outdoor cannabis cultivation setbacks to 1,000+ feet from any Land Use Category property not permitting outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation. (replaces 22.40.040.D.2 page 17)
4. Approved a recommendation to add, "All "Indoor" cannabis cultivation shall be set back 100' from any existing offsite residence....."(Add 'indoor' to first sentence of 22.40.040.D.3 page 17)
5. Approved a recommendation that water use on all cannabis cultivation must be monitored by meter (add to 22.40.040.E.1 page 17) and that the County should prohibit any cannabis cultivation until an appropriate scientific study is conducted to determine the impact of cannabis cultivation on the water supply and to subsequently regulate the number of permits and amount of cultivation based on this study.

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6. Approved a recommendation that water offsets must come from the same property as the water use. (clarify 22.40.040.E.1 page 17)
7. Approved a recommendation that the term “water expert” is too vague, and needs further definition. (22.40.040.E.1 page 17)
8. Approved a recommendation that a “waste stream plan” be required, that is, require specific cannabis cultivation debris removal and disposal methods. (add to 22.40.040.E page 17)
9. Approved a recommendation that odor controls be required for indoor cannabis cultivation – Require that all nuisance odor emissions be eliminated (such as with carbon scrubbing). A d d i t i o n a l l y , r e m o v e language that allows for only significant reduction of those odors. (change to 22.40.040.E.4 page 17)
10. Recognized that according to Section 22.40.130, subsections A, B and C, enforcement resolution of a complaint will require at least 38 days (more likely much longer). Approved a recommendation that these resolution processes need to be more streamlined to be effective on a more timely basis. (pages 28-31)
11. Recognized that the County's projected staffing plans are inadequate. The addition of two Deputies, two Code Enforcement Officers, two Agriculture Officers and two Deputy DA's are unlikely to adequately address enforcement needs. The area of greatest concern is the number of Code Enforcement staff, an area that is already (without cannabis) the weak link in the County's enforcement of standards. Approved a recommendation that the County needs to adequately structure taxation levels of cannabis activities to cover a larger staffing plan.

On behalf of the South County Advisory Council,



Richard Wright,  
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cc: SLO Board of Supervisors  
Planning Commission