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TO: Interested Party

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RE: Cannabis Summit - An Overview for Local Regulators

This is written to provide some background information about the workshop scheduled for January 18-19 in downtown Sacramento at the Masonic Temple.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop will be to share with local regulators a broad overview of issues related to cannabis regulation, ranging from the viewpoint of industry, to that of state and local regulators and public health professionals. States that have been regulating the cannabis industry have repeatedly stated that local oversight will require strong communication and considerable coordination among local officials, to effectively oversee the numerous elements of this industry. This purpose of this workshop is to begin the conversation, locally.

Target Audience

The target audience is local regulators, which will be primarily Environmental Health Directors and staff, but also include land use planners, code enforcement staff, and Agriculture Commission staff.

Low Cost - High Value

Recognizing importance and timeliness of the workshop for local regulators that may be on tight budgets, the registration fee has been held down to \$120, which will include continental breakfast and lunch on both days, and provide REHS contact hours for environmental health staff at no additional charge.

Team Effort

Because this is an extremely busy time of year for paid CCDEH and CAEHA staff, many of the critical functions for planning and conducting this workshop are being handled by volunteer agencies. San Diego staff is handling the registration process, Sacramento staff is providing assistance for attendee check in, Yolo County staff assisted with finding and contracting with the facility where the workshop will be held, and I'm handling the REHS contact hour processing.



Agenda Structure

The workshop is structured into four parts, each part, we hope, building upon the previous parts:

Day One morning: This session would have an industry focus with presentations on medical marijuana, and cannabis production, processing, transport, and sale practices that are taking place. In other words, the morning of Day One could be renamed “Cannabis 101.”

Day One afternoon: Regulators experienced with cannabis regulation from Oregon and Colorado will share their states’ regulatory programs and challenges, and share “lessons learned” in the afternoon. The day will conclude with a presentation by Dr. Van Dyke speaking on the public health impact of cannabis regulation in Colorado.

Day Two morning: This part of the workshop will start with an introduction to California’s emerging regulatory landscape for cannabis, and then feature speakers who will address a variety of environmental and planning issues associated with regulation of the industry here in California, focusing especially on rural issues. Speakers will include RCRC and regulators from Calaveras and Yolo Counties, the State Water Board and State Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Day Two afternoon: The sessions after lunch will focus on emerging local enforcement issues from a broad cross-section of local regulators. The session will explore in-depth the new ordinance established in Sonoma County, followed by a discussion of future options, lessons learned, and concerns for local regulators by representatives from the City of Portland, County of Santa Cruz, and the City & County of San Francisco, pertaining to planning & land use issues, code enforcement, agriculture, and public health. The workshop will close with a presentation by Justin Malan, Executive Director of CCDEH.

All Are Welcome!

This workshop was designed for everyone who wants to better understand the regulatory challenges and opportunities ahead. Please join us and share your insights.