



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

Item #17-10-10 Information

September 25, 2017

Cannabis Regulation & Policies Discussion

Issue: As regulations related to Cannabis changes, what are the policy areas that the region is exploring?

Recommendation: None; this item is for information only.

Discussion: SACOG staff was directed by the Land Use and Natural Resources Committee to assemble a panel of experts on the cannabis industry to help the committee and other board members understand policy options and regulatory approaches to cannabis industry expansion. SACOG will host a luncheon on Thursday, October 19, following the Board meeting. Board members will have the opportunity to hear from both public and private stakeholders about the impacts of the cannabis industry and associated regulations on local governments that allows the sale of cannabis for nonmedical use, and those that do not.

Staff is seeking input from the committee to finalize content for the panel. Topics that are being considered for this panel are listed below:

1. How to regulate location, size, and other zoning standards for:
 - a. Grow operations
 - b. Processors
 - c. Distributors
 - d. Dispensaries
2. Policy priorities, for example:
 - a. Eliminating black market operations
 - b. Ensuring public health and safety
 - c. Taxation and how to use revenues
3. Land use impacts, such as:
 - a. Increases in agriculture land value
 - b. Changes in cropping patterns
 - c. Increases in warehousing prices and decreases in availability
4. Consumer issues, such as:
 - a. Product labeling and warnings
 - b. Tourism
 - c. Education and counseling
5. Enforcement issues, including:

- a. Intoxicated driving
- b. Industry monitoring and reporting
- c. Product standards and testing

Speakers include:

- Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner
- John Young, Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner
- Daniel Conway, Managing Partner, Truth Enterprises
- Ashley Feeney, Assistant Director of Community Development, City of Davis
- Max Mikalonis, Legislative Advocate, K Street Consulting, LLC (Invited)

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