

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Fortuna City Council Chambers
Fortuna, California

ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Cannabis Regulatory Program and its Relationship to County Ordinances
(Kason Grady, Connor McIntee, Adona White)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item only.

BACKGROUND: The California Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) and the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Proposition 64) require cannabis cultivators to obtain local licenses or permits before applying for a state license. North coast counties are at different stages of developing and implementing land use ordinances to permit cannabis cultivation and issue local licenses. Some counties are proposing to ban outdoor cultivation while others require enrollment in the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification and Monitoring and Reporting Program for Discharges of Waste Resulting from Cannabis Cultivation and Associated Activities or Operations with Similar Environmental Effects in the North Coast Region* (Order No. R1-2015-0023) prior to issuing a local license.

DISCUSSION: This item will provide a brief update on the status of ten north coast county cannabis ordinance processes and allow for discussion of the relationship between them and Order No. R1-2015-0023.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Links to county ordinances:

Glenn County – <http://www.countyofglenn.net/govt/county-code/title-15/division-5/chapter-797>

Humboldt County – <https://humboldt.gov.org/2124/Medical-Marijuana-Land-Use-Ordinance>

Lake County –
http://www.co.lake.ca.us/Government/Directory/Code_Enforcement/Marijuana_Cultivation.htm

Mendocino County – <https://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/Cannabis.htm>

Modoc County – <http://www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/planning>

Siskiyou County – <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/content/planning-division-medical-marijuana-cultivation>

Sonoma County – <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CAO/Cannabis/Adopted-Medical-Cannabis-Program-Ordinances-and-Policies/>

Trinity County – <http://www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=371>