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Community Development Director

COUNTY OF LAKE  
CANNABIS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES  
Conference Room B  
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom  
April 24, 2023  
1:00 PM

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya G. Turner, CDD Director  
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager  
Katherine Schaefer, Assistant Planner

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Smith – Lake County Cannabis Alliance  
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry  
Fire Marshall Paul Bleuss – Lake County Fire Chief Association Representative  
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County  
William Weiss – North Lake County  
Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner  
Robert Geary – Tribal Representative

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Angela Amoral  
Bart Levenson  
Betsy Cawn  
Margaux  
Sarah Bodnar  
Fire Chief Willie Sapeta

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner at 1:03 p.m.

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All associated material for the Task Force meetings may be found on our main Cannabis web page here:

[Cannabis | Lake County, CA \(lakecountyca.gov\)](https://lakecountyca.gov)

A recording of today's meeting will be available on the Lake County CA YouTube page here:

[County of Lake CA - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner. Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner, Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, and Assistant Planner Katherine Schaefer were present along with the following Task Force members:

Present: Jennifer Smith, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss, Willie Sapeta, Jan Coppinger, William Weiss, Rebecca Harper

Absent: Robert Geary and Katherine Vanderwall

3. Consideration of Minutes from the April 17, 2023 Task Force Meeting

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the April 17, 2023 minutes for review.

Task Force member William Weiss moved to approve the April 17, 2023, seconded by Task Force member Rebecca Harper, and approved by the Task Force.

Absent: Robert Geary, Katherine Vanderwall and Jennifer Smith

4. Discussion of definitions used by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and how they compare to the Department of Cannabis Control

Jennifer Smith joined the meeting at 1:09pm

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung and Assistant Planner Katherine Schaefer reviewed definitions that were similar among the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Department of Cannabis Control and opened discussion to Task Force members.

A draft document with the input from today's meeting was proposed to be presented at the next meeting as a potential Consent Agenda item.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 1:22pm. Members of the Public Betsy Cawn and Margaux spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 1:29pm.



5. Review of Base Zoning and Combining District Purposes in Chapter 21 - The Zoning Ordinance and how they relate to Cannabis Activities

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung guided the Task Force through a navigation of the online Lake County Zoning Ordinance and opened discussion to Task Force members.

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung opened public comment at 1:38pm. Member of the Public Betsy Cawn and Bart Levenson spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 1:52pm.

6. Consideration of extension of requirements for Ordinance 3101 and Ordinance 3103 – cannabis cultivation in the Farmland Protection Zone, due to changing state regulations

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung proposed extending the deadlines for Ordinance 3103 by one year (from May 21, 2023 to May 21, 2024), to give applicants additional time in navigating state law and local ordinance changes. The Task Force discussed extensions, as well as the use of hoop houses, the farmland protection zone, and whether the Ordinances remain enforceable.

Task Force Member Rebecca Harper moved to recommend extending the deadline within Ordinance 3103 to an additional two years (from May 21, 2023 to May 21 2025), if revocation is automatic, and not following the Article 60 process, seconded by Task Force Member William Weiss, and approved by the Task Force.

Ayes: Rebecca Harper, Jennifer Smith, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss

Nays: Jan Coppinger

Absent: Katherine Vanderwall, Robert Geary

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 2:15pm. Members of the Public Sarah Bodnar, Bart Levenson, and Angela Amoral spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:19pm.

7. Discussion on expectations for the next Cannabis Ordinance Task Force Meeting

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung opened discussion on proposing topics at the end of each Task Force meeting, as well as rotating Task Force members to lead discussion in the coming weeks. The Task Force agreed that the next Agenda will include a presentation by the LCCA Task Force members on new State regulation changes, a chart identifying which permits are possible in base zoning districts, a license type chart, and a potential discussion on exclusion zones and base zoning districts.



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Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 2:39pm. Members of the Public Bart Levenson, Betsy Cawn, and Angela Amoral spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:29pm.

8. Public Comments

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 2:46pm. Member of the Public Angela Amoral spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:48pm.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task Force adjourned at 2:48pm.