

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Sonoma County Comprehensive Cannabis Program Update

Lead Agency: County of Sonoma

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Project Location: Unincorporated Sonoma County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Ordinance will apply to all unincorporated areas of the County, except for the coastal zone. The County proposes to amend the County General Plan and County Code to continue to regulate and expand the types of allowed cannabis activities in the unincorporated area of the County. The County is considering regulatory requirements that would regulate cannabis activities through land use, zoning, operational requirements, and development standards.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Significant and unavoidable impacts on odors, cumulative operational criteria air pollutants, conflicts with greenhouse gases reduction plans, cumulative greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts, short-term construction noise, VMT, cumulative VMT, and cumulative water supply impacts.

Aesthetics impacts (scenic vistas, scenic resources within a scenic highway or roadways, and existing visual character) can be mitigated with standards for tarps, weed block, and fencing; Air quality impacts (construction emissions) can be mitigated with construction measures; Biological Resources impacts (special-status and wildfire; fisheries; sensitive habitats; wetlands; migratory corridors; conflicts with policies, ordinances, and habitat conservation plans) can be mitigated with surveys, avoidance measures, and consultation with State agencies; Cultural Resources impacts (historic and archeological impacts) can be mitigated with surveys, avoidance, and monitoring; Energy impacts (conflicts with energy plans) can be mitigated with site design standards; Paleontological impacts can be mitigated with preparation of a site-specific mitigation and monitoring program; Hazardous and Hazardous Materials impact (exposure of hazardous materials) can be mitigated with environmental site assessments; Groundwater impacts can be mitigated with proof of adequate groundwater resources and monitoring; Operational noise impacts can be mitigated with site design standards; tribal cultural resources impacts can be mitigated with consultation with local tribes, treatment plans, and monitoring; water supply impacts can be mitigated by requiring proof of water sufficiency; Wildfire impacts (significant loss, injury, or death, emergency response, new infrastructure, and flooding/landsliding) can be mitigated through site design and coordination with County Fire Marshall and local fire districts.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Water supply sufficiency
Effects on public safety
Consideration of inclusion and exclusion zones
Consideration of setback requirements
Groundwater pollution
Neighborhood compatibility
Odor impacts
Increase vehicular traffic on rural roads
Hazardous materials control
Noise pollution impacts
Impacts related to consumption lounges, cannabis events, and cannabis tourism
Increased wildfire risk
Visual impacts from commercial cannabis structures
Biological impacts from commercial cannabis activities

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Agricultural Commissioners
California Air Resources Board
Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
California Department of Cannabis Control
California Department of Conservation
California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Bay Delta Region 3
California Department of Food and Agriculture
California Department of Pesticide Regulation
California Department of Public Health
California Department of Toxic Substances Control
CALTRANS DIST 4
California State Water Resources Control Board
California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Francisco Bay Region
California Regional Water Quality Control Board - North Coast Region
California Native American Heritage Commission
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Office of Historic Preservation
California Highway Patrol