PROHIBITING CULTIVATION AND DELIVERY OF E G MEDICAL MARIJUANA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

January 6, 2017



Pursuant to Government Code, §65858 (d), the following report describes the measures taken to alleviate the condition that led to the adoption of an urgency interim ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-10) prohibiting the cultivation and delivery of medical marijuana in the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County.

On March 15, 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 2016-10 prohibiting the cultivation and delivery of medical marijuana in unincorporated Contra Costa County in order to prevent impacts to public health, safety and welfare that may have resulted from the unregulated cultivation and delivery of medical marijuana. Unless the Board of Supervisors authorizes an extension, the interim ordinance is set to expire on January 30, 2017.

On November 8, 2016 California voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) establishing the need for the adoption of additional land use regulations surrounding marijuana use. Therefore, additional time is needed in order for the Department of Conservation and Development and other County agencies, to research, analyze and prepare a permanent ordinance addressing marijuana use in the unincorporated area of the County. At this point, the additional measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led the Board to adopt the Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 2016-10 include:

- Coordination of an inter-departmental staff meeting identifying and discussing potential issues and concerns relating to the prohibition or regulation of marijuana use in the unincorporated area if the County;
- Collection of information on how other jurisdictions in the state have addressed the issue of medical marijuana cultivation and delivery in response to the approval of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act approved by the Governor on October 9, 2016 and in response to voter approval of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Proposition 64) by California voters on November 8, 2016;
- Prepared for adoption by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors an extension of the urgency interim ordinance extending Ordinance No. 2016-10 one year to January 30, 2018.

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