



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Update on Development of Ordinances Regulating the Cultivation of Industrial Hemp

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ACCEPT the update from the Department of Conservation and Development and the Department of Agriculture on development of permanent industrial hemp ordinances.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The expense for development of the industrial hemp ordinances is included in the budget for both the Department of Conservation and the Agricultural Department.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 9, 2021, the Board requested that the Department of Conservation and Development and the Department of Agriculture provide an update on the development of permanent regulations for the cultivation of industrial hemp by June 30, 2021.

Since March, both departments have been working on preparing separate, complimentary, ordinances regulating the cultivation of industrial hemp in the unincorporated areas of the County. Staff has prepared a draft zoning ordinance to regulate industrial hemp cultivation by allowing industrial hemp cultivation in certain zoning districts with a land use permit.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 22, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Staff has also prepared a draft ordinance amending Title 5 of the County Ordinance Code that would establish standards for cultivating industrial hemp and would require a person to obtain a permit from the Contra Costa County Agricultural Commissioner in addition to all other required County and State permits and registrations prior to cultivation. Staff believes that the two ordinances, together, would provide appropriate regulation of industrial hemp cultivation.

The draft zoning ordinance is scheduled to be considered by the County Planning Commission at a public hearing on June 23, 2021. Subject to the Planning Commission's review of the draft zoning ordinance, staff anticipates that it will present both draft ordinances to the Board for consideration in July or August.