



County of Santa Barbara BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 17, 2022

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 22-00414

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding Cannabis Taxation Options, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

a) Receive and file an update on cannabis taxation, and the following options for alternate methods or changes to the cannabis taxation structure:

i) Develop tax structure for cultivation area by square foot;

ii) Develop a hybrid tax structure with a minimum tax on cultivation set by square footage;

iii) Provide direction to staff to maintain current taxation method and return to the Board with proposed amendments to cannabis ordinance(s) clarifying current requirements to improve compliance (staff recommendation); or

iv) Provide other direction to staff on taxation methods; and

b) Determine that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review because they are administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:08 AM - 11:44 AM (1 HR. 36 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) i) and ii) No action taken;

a) iii) Received and filed; Approved; Directed staff to return to the Board in 6 months with proposed amendments as follows: Require cultivators holding acreage in the cap to grow (use it or lose it provision); Provide for temporary fallowing of full or partial acreage within the cap to support agricultural best management practices or other economic/operational reasons; Strengthen existing Ordinance language to reiterate that all transfers between licensed activities are reportable/taxable under Chapter 50A;

a) iv) No action taken; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Williams, and Supervisor Nelson