



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

August 19, 2025

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**Present:** 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino  
Absent 1 - Supervisor Nelson

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00716

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an amendment to Chapter 50 of the County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations, as follows: (EST. TIME: 20 MIN.)

a) Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations to reduce the cultivation acreage cap to 134 acres in the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay (Carpinteria Overlay) and to 1,417 acres in the Unincorporated area outside of the Carpinteria Overlay (Unincorporated area);

b) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;

c) Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda for August 26, 2025 to consider recommendations, as follows:

i) Consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 to the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations to reduce the cultivation acreage cap to 134 acres in the Carpinteria Overlay and to 1,417 acres in the Unincorporated area; and

ii) Determine for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that:

1) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c) these actions are within the scope of the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program, and the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) [Case No. 17EIR-00000-00003, State Clearinghouse No. 2017071016] adequately describes this activity for the purposes of CEQA; and

2) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a), after considering the PEIR certified by the Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2018, that no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is required because: i) no substantial changes are proposed which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; ii) no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the ordinance is undertaken which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and iii) no new information of substantial importance concerning the ordinance's significant effects or mitigation



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measures, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time that the PEIR was certified, has been received that shows any of the following situations elements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(3) apply.

#### COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

*HEARING TIME: 11:10 AM - 11:18 AM (8 MIN.)*

**Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Lee, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

- a) Introduction (First Reading) approved;**
- b) Read title; waived further reading of the Ordinance;**
- c) i) through ii) Set for August 26, 2025 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinance.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**Absent:** 1 - Supervisor Nelson