

FORUM GOALS

This forum will provide a more expansive opportunity to listen to the community most impacted by odor before the Board votes on an ordinance change requiring the installation of multiple technology carbon filtration on March 18, 2025.

Specifically, we are hoping to hear feedback from community members about:

1. The proposed cannabis odor thresholds recommended by the Planning Commission: “the operation cannot exceed 7 D/T for a consecutive 3-minute period time.”
2. The use of nasal-ranger technology to verify odor thresholds as well as other technologies to verify odor thresholds.
3. Extension proposals from the Planning and Development Department.

This forum demonstrates the intention by the Board of Supervisors to be responsive to community feedback on policy and flexible in the way that it conducts county governance.

The Board will not be voting on policy or giving additional guidance to Staff.

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NEXT STEPS

March 18, 2025

Board of Supervisors votes on ordinance change, requiring operators to install Multi-Technology Carbon Filtration.

12-Month Installation Period

Deadline for operators to have technology installed (either within a 12-month timeframe following the Board's adoption of the ordinance change or upon Coastal Commission certification, whichever is later).

Multi-Technology Carbon Filtration

Mandatory Multi-Technology Carbon Filtration (MTCF):

Multi-Technology Carbon Filtration refers to a sophisticated air purification system that combines the use of activated carbon with two or more additional technologies to enhance its filtering capabilities. This definition captures the essence of a hybrid system that leverages the strengths of various purification methods of what is commonly referred to as “carbon scrubbers or equivalent.”

GUIDANCE FOR A PRODUCTIVE FORUM

- Everyone will get a chance to speak but those who have feedback on these three items listed above will be given priority.
- The Board acknowledges the detrimental individual experiences that so many people have shared.
- The Board acknowledges the fact that the county's complaint system has not functioned as intended.
- While these individual experiences with odor and a failed complaint system are important, as stated above, the goal of this forum is to engage in a productive dialogue rather than the airing of grievances.

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