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RE: County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-25-0017-1-Part D (Cannabis Odor)

Dear Ms. Plowman:

On September 11, 2025, the Coastal Commission approved LCP Amendment LCP-4-STB-25-0017-1-Part D, with four suggested modifications. The Commission's resolution of certification is contained in the staff report dated August 28, 2025. The suggested modifications, as approved by the Commission, are attached to this correspondence.

Section 13544 of the Commission's Administrative Regulations requires that after certification the Executive Director of the Commission shall transmit copies of the resolution of certification and any suggested modifications and findings to the governing authority, and any interested persons or agencies. Further, the certification shall not be deemed final and effective until all of the following occur:

- (a) The local government with jurisdiction over the area governed by the Local Coastal Program, by action of its governing body: (1) acknowledges receipt of the Commission's resolution of certification, including any terms or modifications suggested for final certification; (2) accepts and agrees to any such terms and modifications; and (3) agrees to issue coastal development permits for the total area included in the certified Local Coastal Program. Unless the local government takes the action described above the Commission's certification with suggested modifications shall expire six months from the date of Commission's action.
- (b) The Executive Director of the Commission determines in writing that the local government's action and the notification procedures for appealable development require pursuant to Article 17, Section 2 are legally adequate to satisfy any specific requirements set forth in the Commission's certification order.
- (c) The Executive Director reports the determination to the Commission at its next regularly scheduled public meeting as required by the Commission's regulations in order to allow for the amended LCP to be certified in that form (see Section 13544 of the Commission's Administrative Regulations).

- (d) Notice of the certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of Resources Agency for posting and inspection as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(v).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter. The Commission and staff greatly appreciate the County's cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Authorize on behalf of the California Coastal Commission by:

Dr. Kate Huckelbridge
Executive Director

Denise Gonzalez

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District Supervisor

FINAL APPROVED SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSED LCP AMENDMENT

LCP Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-25-0017-1-Part D (Cannabis Odor)

The County's proposed amendment language to the certified IP/CZO is shown in ~~strike through~~ and underline. Language approved by the Commission to be modified is shown in ~~double strike through~~ and double underline.

Suggested Modification No. 1

Added Section 35-144U.A.2.f shall be modified as follows:

- f. ~~The provisions of this code as specified in~~ Section 35-144U.C.6 (Cannabis Odor Threshold) and 35-144U.C.7 (Odor Abatement Plan) shall become operative for all existing commercial cannabis operations on March 18, 2026, within 12 months of adoption by the Board of Supervisors or upon Coastal Commission's Certification of the Local Coastal Plan Amendment LCP-4-STB-25-0017-1 Part D, adopting Sections 35-144U.C.6 and 7 whichever date is later.
- 1) **Implementation.** Existing cannabis cultivation and processing operations shall submit a request to the Department for a minor change to their approved or issued Coastal Development Permit, consistent with Section 35-169.11, to and obtain approval of a revised Odor Abatement Plan and install the Multi-Technology Carbon Filtration systems before March 18, 2026 within the implementation period described above.
 - 2) **Extensions.** ~~(These provisions are only applicable to 35-144U.C.7 –~~ Odor Abatement Plans) A one-time extension of to the 12-month implementation time period described above may be allowed for up to 12 months may be allowed. The request for an extension shall be heard by the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation by the Director. A request for an extension must be submitted 90 days prior to the expiration of the 12-month implementation period and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Requests for extensions may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Supply chain delays
 - b. On-site power supply upgrades
 - c. Off-site power supply upgrades and availability
 - d. Other circumstances as determined by the Director

Suggested Modification No. 2

The following subsections of Section 35-144U.C shall be renumbered as shown below, including: renumbering Subsection 6 to 7; and renumbering Subsection 35-144U.C.7.e.3 to Subsection f. Further, Subsections 35-144U.C.7 f through h shall be renumbered accordingly.

~~6~~7. Odor Abatement Plan.

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~~f.3)~~ Vapor phase systems shall not be allowed. Existing operations utilizing vapor phase systems shall transition to Multi-Technology Carbon Filtrations in accordance with the implementation timeframe in Section 35-144U.A.2.f.

Suggested Modification No. 3

Added Section 35-144U.J shall be renumbered and modified as follows:

~~I.4.~~ **Odor abatement and compliance monitoring.** Facilities that require an Odor Abatement Plan or installation of an odor control system shall comply with Section 35-144U.C.6 (Cannabis Odor Threshold) and Section 35-144U.C.7 (Odor Abatement Plan) and the following:

1. The applicant shall allow the Department access to the facility at all times, without notice, for the purpose of inspecting odor mitigation practices, odor source(s), and complaint tracking system records.
2. Upon installation, ~~Department permit compliance~~ staff shall conduct an inspection of the odor control system to assess its compliance with the requirements of this section and the approved Odor Abatement Plan quarterly for the first year and annually thereafter for the life of the project for which an Odor Abatement Plan is required.

Suggested Modification No. 4

Added Section 35-169.20 shall be modified as follows:

Section 35-169. ~~20~~ 11 Minor Changes to Coastal Development Permits for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation.

Minor changes to an approved or issued Coastal Development Permit for commercial cannabis cultivation (outdoor, mixed-light, indoor, and nursery) in the AG-I, AG-II, and M-RP zones may be allowed provided that the changes materially conform with the approved or issued permit. Such requests shall be processed as follows:

1. The Director may approve a minor change (e.g., Odor Abatement Plan and odor control systems) to an approved or issued Coastal Development Permit where the Director determines:

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2. Where a minor change of an approved or issued Coastal Development Permit is approved, the permit shall have the same effective and expiration dates as the original permit and no additional public notice shall be required.

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5. The determination to allow a minor change to an approved Coastal Development Permit for commercial cannabis cultivation is final and not subject to appeal ~~except~~ accept in accordance with Section 30625 of the Coastal Act.