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**COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Conference Room B
Meeting Held today
May 22, 2023
1:00 PM**

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya G. Turner, CDD Director
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager
Ruby Mitts, Office Assistant

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Smith – Lake County Cannabis Alliance
Chief Willie Sapeta – Lake County Fire Chief Association Representative
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County
William Weiss – North Lake County
Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Robert Geary – Tribal Representative
Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry
Paul Bleuss - Lake County Fire Chief Association Representative

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bart Levenson
Margaux Kambara

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung at 1:05 p.m.

All upcoming Task Force Agendas and Minutes may be found online on the County website here:

[Agenda Center • Lake County, CA • CivicEngage \(lakecountyca.gov\)](#)

All associated material for the Task Force meetings may be found on our main Cannabis web page here:

[Cannabis | Lake County, CA \(lakecountyca.gov\)](#)



A recording of today's meeting will be available on the Lake County CA YouTube page here:

[County of Lake CA - YouTube](#)

2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Office Assistant III Ruby Mitts at 1:06pm. Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner, and Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, were present along with the following Task Force members:

Present: Jennifer Smith, Willie Sapeta, Jan Coppinger, William Weiss, Rebecca Harper

Absent: Robert Geary, Nara Dahlbacka, Katherine Vanderwall, Paul Bleuss

3. Consideration of Minutes from the May 8, 2023 Task Force Meeting

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the May 8, 2023 minutes for review at 1:09pm.

Nara Dahlbacka joined the meeting at 1:13pm.

The following members of the public spoke: Holly Harris and Bart Levenson.

Sarah Bodnar noted the date on the previous minutes is incorrect and she was listed as a Cannabis Task Force Member in error.

Task Force member Weiss moved to carry over the May 8, 2023 minutes, seconded by Task Force member Dahlbacka.

4. Review of Zoning and License Types Allowed in the County of Lake

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung reviewed Zoning License Types chart and the definitions at 1:15pm.

Deputy Director Mireya Turner noted to reword facility types, cultivation types, and look at each separately

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung presented an overview of changing state license types and opened discussion to Task Force members at 1:20pm.

Rebecca Harper left the meeting at 1:25 pm.

Director Mireya Turner recommended consideration to update county of Lake's License Type 5 Ordinance in accordance with the current State ordinance at 1:25pm.



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Task Force member Nara Dahlbacka spoke defining the difference between License Type N and License Type P.

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung opened Comments at 1:38pm.

Sarah Bodnar spoke about License Types 1, 1b, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, and possible review for changes in CEQA regulations. Sarah Bodnar explained the process of zoning cultivation and the processing facilities at 1:40.

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung opened discussion to Task Force members at 1:40pm.

Lake County Cannabis Alliance member Jennifer Smith explained the Zoning and Licensing charts for commercial and manufacturing under C2 and C3 at 1:41pm.

Sarah Bodnar, Task Force member Nara Dahlbacka, and Lake County Cannabis Alliance member Jennifer Smith spoke regarding License Types and changes in lab ordinance. Lake County Cannabis Alliance member Jennifer Smith recommended M1, M2, MP, C1, and C2 allow microbusinesses to operate.

Commissioner Green joined the meeting late at 1:53pm.

5. Update to Task Force: Department Update

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung spoke about the event in industrial setting and the need to have cannabis distribution license at 1:58pm.

Deputy Director Mireya Turner noted the prior minutes were incorrect and will be carried over, there is no modification needed for permit License Type 6, License Type 8 is a testing laboratory stand-alone license, open options for microbusiness to have access to retail and do not have to be within each other.

6. Public Comments

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung opened public comment at 1:58pm. Members of the Public Bart Levenson and Margaux spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:29pm.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task Force adjourned at 2:29pm.