

**COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
Conference Room B
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom
May 8, 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
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry
Fire Marshall Paul Bleuss and Chief Willie Sapeta – Lake County Fire Chief Association
Representative
William Weiss – North Lake County
Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau
Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Robert Geary – Tribal Representative
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bart Levenson
Margaux

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Community Development Director Mireya G Turner at 1:05 p.m.

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

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2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner. Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner, Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, were present along with the following Task Force members:

Present: Jennifer Smith, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss, Willie Sapeta, William Weiss, Rebecca Harper, and Katherine Vanderwall

Absent: Robert Geary, Jan Coppinger, Sarah Bodnar, Jennifer Smith

3. Consideration of Minutes from the April 24, 2023 Task Force Meeting

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the April 24, 2023 minutes for review.

Task Force member William Weiss moved to approve the April 24, 2023, seconded by Task Force member Nara Dahlbacka, and approved by the Task Force.

Absent: Robert Geary, Jan Coppinger, Sarah Bodnar, Jennifer Smith

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

Cannabis Task Force Member Nara Dahlbacka presented an overview of State and County licensing types and opened discussion to Task Force members at 1:10pm. Task Force members Jennifer Smith and Sarah Bodnar spoke regarding tax and enforcement, as well as statute level and compliance.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 1:32pm. Willie Sapeta, Margaux, and Bart Levenson spoke.

Sarah Bodnar joined the meeting at 1:15pm

Jennifer Smith joined the meeting at 1:20pm

5. Update to Task Force: FPZ and revocation process

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

Brief overview of discussion direction, and what will be discussed or voted on next meeting.

6. Discussion on expectations for the next Cannabis Ordinance

Cannabis Task Force Member Nara Dahlbacka spoke about the possibility of new state ordinances and statues regarding the Adult Use of Marijuana Act regulations

and Department of Cannabis Control, tax collection and enforcement under the Governor's Bill (AB-SB-195), new licensing proposal involving cannabis cafés, preparation and distribution of retail sales, and potential Bills to be adopted specific to cannabis in the year 2024.

Cannabis Task Force member Jennifer Smith spoke about the fee for a license to operate and the increase in demand of outdoor cultivation.

Sarah Bodnar spoke about cannabis specific tax regulations at State level and the effects on the county of Lake.

Community Development Director Mireya G Turner noted recommendations made to the Cannabis Task Force should be available for open discussion, retail discussion needs to go back to the Board, and further discussion on Hoop House regulations is needed.

7. Public Comments

Community Development Director Mireya G Turner opened public comment at 1:50pm. Members of the Public Bart Levenson, Holly Harris, Margaux spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:00pm.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task Force adjourned at 2:01pm.