



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel
FROM: Peter Gutowsky, AICP, Director
DATE: October 11, 2021
SUBJECT: Cannabis Advisory Panel / Kick-off Meeting

I. Summary

On October 6, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed 8-members to the Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) by adopting Order 2021-045. The CAP's first meeting is **October 18** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Deschutes Services Center, 1300 Wall Street, Barnes and Sawyer rooms. The rooms will be arranged to be mindful of social distancing. Food will be made available prior to the meeting. A Zoom meeting feature is also available for those that cannot attend in person. Details are below:

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II. Background

Introduced by Representative Jason Kropf (D, Bend), sponsored by Representative Jack Zika (R, Redmond), and ultimately adopted by the Oregon Legislature on June 26, 2021, House Bill (HB) 3295 ensures that counties that participate in Oregon's marijuana economy receive a share of marijuana revenue. For Deschutes County, to receive marijuana tax revenue, the Board is required to appoint a CAP.

Marijuana tax revenue has not been paid to Deschutes County by the Oregon Department of Revenue since 2019, when the Board passed Ordinance 2019-014, prohibiting the establishment of future (new) marijuana production and processing businesses in unincorporated Deschutes County (commonly referred to as an Opt Out). Ordinance No. 2019-015, adopted on October 16, 2019, further clarified that Ordinance No. 2019-014 has no impact on the County's past marijuana production land use decisions and does not preclude those

applicants from moving forward in the licensure process with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). On November 3, 2020, Ballot Measure 9-134 asked voters if they wanted to repeal the opt-out ordinances—a “yes” vote would once again allow new marijuana production and processing businesses in Deschutes County, and a “no” vote would continue to prohibit new marijuana production and processing businesses in Deschutes County. Ultimately, Deschutes County residents voted “no” to Measure 9-134, thereby upholding the opt-out and prohibiting future/new recreational marijuana production and processing businesses from being established in the unincorporated county.

III. Agenda Packet

A meeting agenda packet is attached with this memorandum. It includes:

- Agenda
- Order 2021-045
- HB 3295
- CAP Charter¹
- Reference Guide to Public Meetings Law

Besides welcome and introductions from the Board, State Representatives Jason Kropf and Jack Zika, and panelists, the agenda focuses on housekeeping issues including electing a chair and summarizing public meetings laws and conflicts of interest. Panelists during their introductions will have an opportunity to identify topics for future meetings. Starting in January, the CAP will begin discussing:

1. The use of moneys transferred to the county under ORS 475B.759;
2. Increases in public safety measures related to marijuana use and marijuana entitles in the county; and
3. Issues presented by the production, processing, wholesaling and distribution of marijuana in the unincorporated area subject to the jurisdiction of the county.²

IV. CAP Website and Email

Staff created a website for the CAP, <http://www.deschutes.org/CAP>. It provides a project overview, list of panelists and their respective terms, and links to the October 18 agenda packet. Over time, it will contain references to prior and forthcoming agenda packets. It will also be regularly updated to reflect approved meeting minutes. Lastly, there is also a generalized CAP email for public comments and inquires, CAP@deschutes.org. Staff will monitor the account and forward correspondences to the CAP.

¹ The charter defines the CAP’s roles and responsibilities, as well as their mission, composition, and standard protocols.

² Per HB 3295, Section 3, Sub 2, the CAP is required to provide at least these three recommendations to the Board.