



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors Chambers
400 County Center, Redwood City

ITEM # 8

Owner: **Various**
Applicant: **Various**
File Number: **PLN2022-00066**
Location: **Agriculturally zoned or traditionally farmed parcels**
APN: **Various**

Project Description:
Ordinance amending Chapter 5.148 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code regarding commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area of San Mateo County.



Cannabis Ordinance History

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Nov. 2017	Initial Ordinance considered by AAC
Dec. 2017	BOS adopts initial ordinance
Mar. 2018	BOS repeals initial ordinance and adopts current ordinance
Nov. 2018	BOS amends ordinance
March 16 - April 4, 2022	Initial Study and Negative Declaration public comment period for proposed amendments
April 11, 2022	Agricultural Advisory Committee
April 12, 2022	Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council
July 12, 2022	Board of Supervisors



Existing Cannabis Ordinance

- Allows for cannabis cultivation....
 - in existing greenhouses...
 - on ag zoned or traditionally farmed land
 - with restrictions on location
 - with odor and ventilation requirements
 - with appropriate security measures
 - with runoff, storm water and wastewater plans
- Each license is subject to CEQA





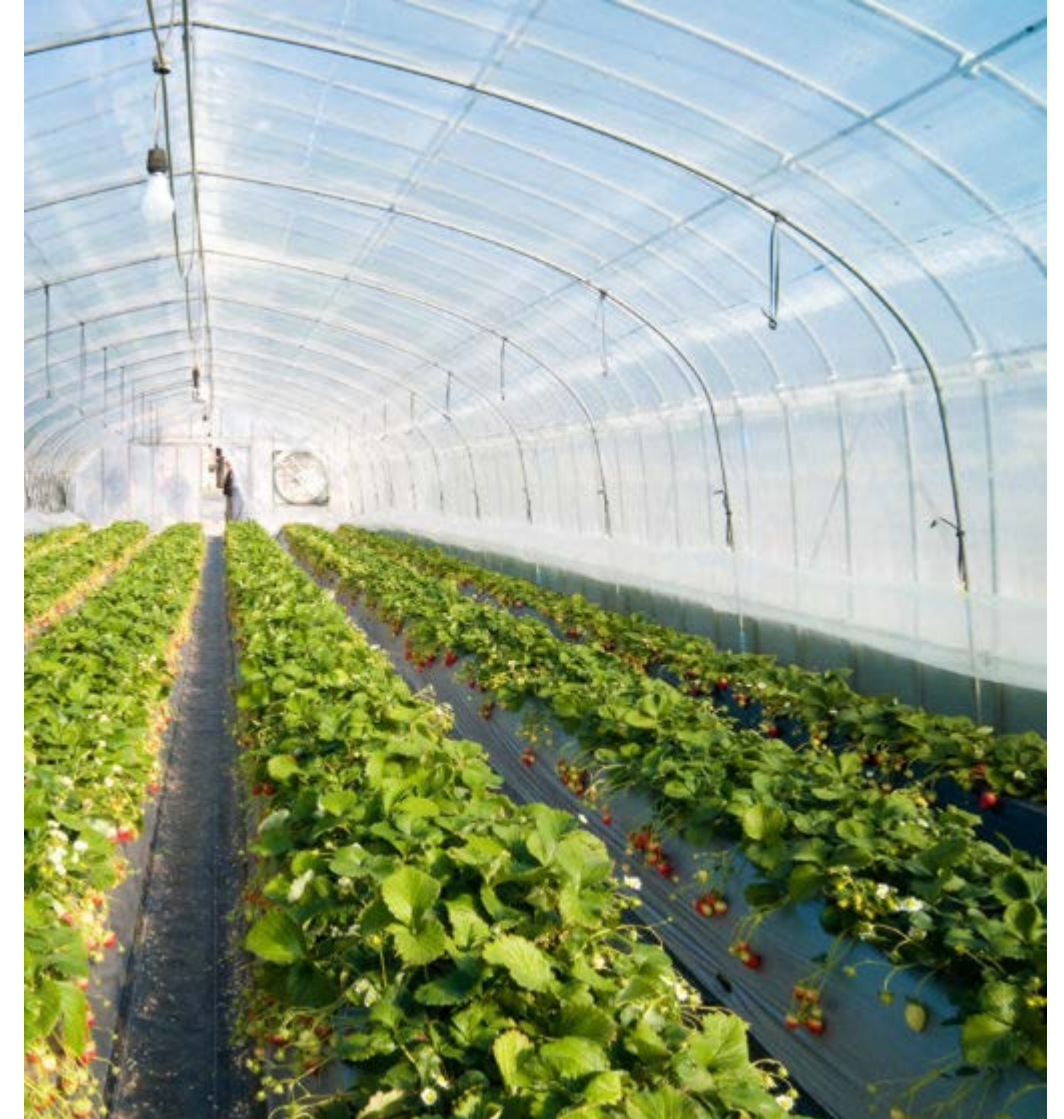
Existing Cannabis Licenses

Number of Properties with Cannabis Licenses:	2
Total Number of Active Licenses:	5
New Applications:	3
Approved Licenses Seeking Expansion:	1
Total Permitted Cannabis Square Footage:	188,071 sq ft
Nursery sq ft (Not Flowering) of Total:	103,843 sq ft



Proposed Amendments

- Elimination of 66,000 sf per operator per parcel limit
- Elimination of requirement to replace displaced ag
- Water use and documentation changes
- Transfer of ownership and modification procedures
- Cannabis licensees allowed to distribute between State and local cannabis licensees.
- Licenses extended from 1 year to 5 years
- Streamlined application requirements





ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Staff prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), with a public review period of March 16, 2022 to April 4, 2022.

After the comment period minor changes were made for clarity and to correct minor technical errors, no recirculation was required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines.



ADVISORY BODIES

Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Amendments presented to the AAC on April 11, 2022
- AAC voted to support the proposed amendments with 5 members in support, 4 abstaining and 2 members not present

Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council

- Amendments presented to the PMAC on April 12, 2022

Midcoast Community Council

- Confirmation on June 28, 2022 that the MCC has no comment on the proposed amendments.



RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution adopting the negative declaration for amendments to Chapter 5.148 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code regarding commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area of San Mateo County; and
2. Introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 5.148 of the County Ordinance Code regarding commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area of San Mateo County and waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety.