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DRAFT CANNABIS EIR RELEASED

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce that a Draft Environmental Impact Report on proposed regulations for commercial cannabis cultivation and manufacturing is now available for public review and comment.

All members of the public may submit comments on the Draft EIR through Oct. 16 at 5:00 p.m., via email or hard copy. A public information meeting to present the Draft EIR will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, 5th floor, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to learn more about the EIR and ask questions.

To submit comments during the 45-day review period, email <u>cannabiseir@santacruzcounty.us</u>. Hard copies may be mailed or hand-delivered to Cannabis Comments c/o Matt Johnston, Santa Cruz County Planning Department, 701 Ocean St., 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060.

The public may also submit comments in person on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, 5th floor, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Once finalized, the EIR will allow the County Board of Supervisors to establish local regulations for cultivation and manufacturing and begin issuing licenses. The draft EIR is available for review and download at www.santacruzcounty.us/cannabiseir.