



CCA Board Conference Call

May 25, 2018

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President Fennell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call.

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| <u> X </u> | Estelle Fennell, Humboldt County, CCA President |
| <u> X </u> | Mary Zeeb, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Monterey County, CCA Secretary |
| <u> X </u> | Jim Erb, TT Collector/ Auditor Controller, San Luis Obispo County, CCA Treasurer |
| <u> X </u> | Shari Schapmire, Treasurer-Tax Collector, County of Mendocino, CCA Board Member |

Others: Cara Martinson, Adam Crabtree, Alan Fernandes, Greg Turner, One Member of the Public, Humboldt County

- 2. UPDATE on CCA Internal Operations.** Cara Martinson reported that the website is under development and she should have a draft to share with Board Members within the next 3-4 weeks. The accounting system with San Luis Obispo County is working well. Cara has also established a phone line, and procured a conference call line for CCA. She is continuing to work on securing general liability insurance for the organization as well.
- 3. UPDATE on CCA Membership & Outreach.** Additional counties continue to express interest in CCA, and Yolo County is anticipated to join soon. Cara indicated that it is a process for many counties to join as they work on setting up their ordinances and have multiple departments involved with cannabis regulation and taxation. In addition to counties mentioned on last month's call, Cara and Adam have had calls with Nevada and Alameda County. In addition, President Fennell made a presentation to the CSAC Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee and the CSAC Board of Directors during the CSAC Legislative Conference to continue to outreach to counties. CCA also hosted a booth at the CSAC Exhibit Hall. Finally, President Fennell, Cara, Adam and Alan met with Southern Humboldt Community Credit Union. It was an interesting discussion regarding how much information is adequate for federal compliance. CCA will continue to follow-up.
- 4. UPDATE on Information Sharing Discussions.** Greg Turner updated the Board on the MOU discussions with CDFA for METRC data. The conversation continues to be positive, but CDFA has expressed concerns on how CCA will access data. There are a number of options that we are continuing to explore, but the preferred method by CCA would be a separate connection, and not the commercial API connection that all other cannabis businesses will use. CDFA will meet with the Governor's office to discuss status of MOU and next steps. Greg and CDFA attorneys will continue to meet to provide comments on draft MOU.
- 5. Other Items & Future Meetings.** Cara reported on the state's first quarter revenue totals. The state collected a total of \$60.9 million in taxes during the first quarter of 2018. This is much lower than the state had expected. Totals include, \$3.2 million in excise taxes; \$1.6 million in cultivation taxes;

and, \$27.3 million in sales taxes. Mary Zeeb reported that the Board of Supervisors in Monterey County voted to reduce their cannabis cultivation tax by approximately 2/3, with the new tax being \$5 per sq ft for greenhouses and \$8 per sq ft for indoor cultivation. Jim Erb suggested reaching out to Dan Buckshi with the City of Walnut Creek, and suggested he'd be a good city contact. The next Board Call of the CCA was set for June 22nd.

6. **Public Comment.** One member of the public was present in Humboldt County with President Fennell. She was interested in learning more about CCA, and did express concern about any additional costs being put on industry.