

Industrial Hemp

Update and Discussion

Legalization

- The California Industrial Hemp Farming Act (Senate Bill 566, Chapter 398, Statutes of 2013) was signed into law to authorize the commercial production of industrial hemp in California. The Act became effective on January 1, 2017, due to a provision in the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Proposition 64, November 2016).
- The Farm Bill 2018 removes the plant *cannabis sativa* L. from the Controlled Substances Act if it or a plant contains no more than 0.3% THC on a dry-weight basis.
 - “The term ‘marihuana’ does not include hemp”

SB 1409 Industrial Hemp

- Established the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board
- Requires growers and seed breeders to register with the county Agricultural Commissioner before cultivation begins.
 - Established agricultural research institutions are exempt from registration.
- Requires growers of commercial hemp to only use seed from an approved list.
- Within 30 days of harvest, crops must be sampled and lab tested for THC content.
 - Crops testing above 0.3% must be destroyed.

SB 1409 Provisions (Cont)

- Required California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to establish a registration fee.
- Allows the County Board of Supervisors to establish a fee to cover actual costs for implementing, administering and enforcing the division.
- Requires CDFA to establish, by regulation, sampling procedures.

Interest in Industrial Hemp

- Our climate
- \$900 Annual registration fee
- Large acreages
- No application fees, license fees and taxes compared to cannabis
- Many counties are prohibiting industrial hemp
- Can operate through financial institutions

Cannabis Sativa

- Basic difference between hemp and cannabis is the THC content.

	CBD	THC
Hemp	High	Low
Cannabis	Low	High

- Hemp \leq 0.3% THC
- Cannabis 3% to 30% THC

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Special Notice!



California Hemp Foundation
Hemp Research Farm # MC02

CCIA Member Org. ID: 8906
No Trespassing! - No THC in These Plants!

For Information Call: 1-805-246-6692
www.californiahempfoundation.org

This crop is being legally grown and tested for variety trials and seed certification purposes,
pursuant to: CALIFORNIA LAW SB596.







Issues and Concerns

- Primarily grown outdoors
- Large acreages
- When grown for oils it is cultivated just like cannabis
- It can look and smell like cannabis
- If the THC exceeds 0.3% it is no longer hemp

Based on our cannabis ordinance it would
become an illicit outdoor grow

- Problems with trespassing

What are other counties doing?

I conducted a survey of County Agricultural Commissioners via email and received 28 responses.

Counties with moratoriums	7
Counties moving towards a moratorium	7
Counties allowing cultivation	9
Counties considering some restrictions	4
Counties allowing hemp but with some restrictions	1

Inyo County Ordinance

- Require a Conditional Use Permit
- Prohibited where commercial cannabis activities are prohibited
- Shall be 300 feet from all parcel lot lines
- Subject to odor, noise, pollen escape and visual resource

Current Status

- Proposed regulations pertaining to Industrial Hemp Cultivation Registration Fees is expected to be adopted as early as March.
- THC Sampling procedures are still under development.
- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) that will define the enforcement and administration responsibilities of both the Department and the commissioners.

Questions?