
Proposition 215 and SB 420 dealt only with the medicinal uses of marijuana, while Proposition 64 expands the statewide legal use of marijuana to medical and recreational use among adults. Prop 64 includes guidelines, limits, and penalties on various aspects of the marijuana industry such as business licenses, a taxation system, marketing and advertising, labelling, testing, record keeping, a track & trace system, prior marijuana convictions, and appropriate ages and places for marijuana use. Prop 64 also names the Bureau of Marijuana Control (formerly the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation) as the agency responsible for regulation and licensing of this new industry sector.

The Bureau of Marijuana Control has not yet finalized their regulations, and will not be accepting applications for business licenses until January 1, 2018 at the earliest.

As such, staff recommends placing a Moratorium on all Cannabis Industry and Cannabis Industry related projects. This Moratorium should remain in place until the industry is more established, with regulations and licensure requirements and procedures in place, and with enough data available on industry statistics such as tax revenue, occupations, and industry growth to enable a more thorough analysis of the industry, to see if/how they will fit into ETP’s program.