

# **Trinity County Cannabis Program Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report State Clearinghouse No. 2018122049**

**The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH # 2018122049) for the Cannabis Program is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period from May 29 through July 12, 2019. More information is provided below.**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Trinity County is located in northern California, east of Humboldt County, south of Siskiyou County, west of Shasta County, and north of Mendocino County. It encompasses 2,051,988 acres, approximately 76 percent of which is under federal ownership consisting of tribal lands, the Shasta-Trinity, Six Rivers, and Mendocino National Forests and four wilderness areas: Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel, Trinity Alps, Chancelula, and North Fork. There are 26 unincorporated communities in the county: Coffee Creek, Trinity Center, Covington Mill, Minersville, Weaverville, Lewiston, Junction City, Helena, Big Flat, Big Bar, Del Loma, Burnt Ranch, Hawkins Bar, Denny, Salyer, Douglas City, Hayfork, Hyampom, Peanut, Wildwood, Post Mountain, Forest Glen, Mad River, Ruth, Zenia, and Kettenpom. These unincorporated communities are under the jurisdiction of the County. There are no incorporated cities within the county.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Cannabis Program consists of the readoption of the ordinances below that regulate commercial cannabis operations in the unincorporated area of the county. It also includes a proposed amendment to Section 315-843(1)(i), which would increase the Designated Area for cultivation activities from 200 percent to 250 percent.

- ▶ cultivation (Ordinance 315-823, 315-829, 315-830, 315-841, and 315-843)
- ▶ testing (Ordinance 315-824),
- ▶ nurseries (Ordinances 315-826, 315-827, and 315-833),
- ▶ distribution (Ordinances 315-828 and 315-834),
- ▶ non-storefront retail (Ordinance 315-835),
- ▶ microbusiness (Ordinance 315-837), and
- ▶ manufacturing (Ordinances 315-838 and 315-842).

**SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:** The DEIR evaluates whether the project would result in significant impacts in the following environmental issue areas: aesthetics; agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; biological resources; archaeological, historical and tribal cultural resources; energy; geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; noise; public services; transportation and traffic; utilities and service systems; wildfire; and cumulative effects. As described in the DEIR many of these impacts can be fully mitigated but some cannot and would remain significant and unavoidable. Significant and unavoidable impacts include construction effects on air quality (Impact 3.3-1); operational air quality impacts (Impact 3.3-2); exposure to odors (Impact 3.3-3); traffic noise (Impact 3.12-3); highway traffic operational impacts (Impact 3.14-2); public water system impacts (Impact 3.15-2), and cumulative impacts to air quality, odors, traffic noise, highway traffic operations, and public water supplies.

The DEIR Section 3.9, "Hazards and Hazardous Materials," provides information on sites in the County that occur on lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**ADDRESS WHERE COPY OF DRAFT EIR IS AVAILABLE:** The DEIR and Cannabis Program are now available for public review and download on the Trinity County website at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/Commercial-Cannabis> and <https://www.trinitycounty.org/Transportation>. Printed copies of the document and referenced materials are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

Hayfork Library, 6641A State Hwy 3, Hayfork  
Trinity Center Branch Library, 540B Airport Rd, Scott Museum Bldg, Trinity Center  
Weaverville Public Library, 351 Main Street, Weaverville  
Willow Creek Branch Library, 39 Mayfair St, Willow Creek  
Trinity County Department of Transportation, 31301 Hwy 3, Weaverville  
Trinity County Planning Department, 60 Airport Rd, Weaverville

**PUBLIC MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:** Public meetings will be held at the following locations and dates. Details and updates will be posted on the Trinity County website at <https://www.trinitycounty.org/Commercial-Cannabis> and <https://www.trinitycounty.org/Transportation>. Check for updates before attending a meeting. Only written comments will be received at public meetings.

District 2: June 19 – Weaverville (evening)  
District 4: June 20 – Burnt Ranch (evening)  
District 1: June 21 – Trinity Center (evening)  
District 5: June 22 – Mad River (afternoon)  
District 3: June 22 – Hayfork (evening)

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT EIR: May 29, 2019 through July 12, 2019**

All comments on the Draft EIR must be received by the County in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2019 to be considered. Only written comments will be considered. Pursuant to Section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the County's discretion. Comments must be mailed or e-mailed to:

Trinity County Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 2490  
31301 State Highway 3  
Weaverville, CA 96093  
Attn: David Colbeck  
Environmental Compliance Specialist  
E-mail: [dcolbeck@trinitycounty.org](mailto:dcolbeck@trinitycounty.org)

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact David Colbeck at [dcolbeck@trinitycounty.org](mailto:dcolbeck@trinitycounty.org).