MEMORANDUM

DATE:        June 15, 2022
TO:          Members of the Trinity County Planning Commission
FROM:        Sean Connell, Cannabis Division Director
SUBJECT:     Agenda Item 5 DEV-22-06 Commercial Cannabis Processing Regulations

Please find the attached comments received as of June 14, 2022.
On June 23 the Planning Commission will be considering a Cannabis Processing Ordinance:

AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE COUNTY CODE TO ADOPT CHAPTER 17.43L, CANNABIS PROCESSING

The proposed ordinance is a good starting point. I would point to one section that requires additional information:

17.43L.020 Allowable zoning districts.

B. Cannabis processing facilities shall not be allowed within the following areas:

2. Within the legal boundaries of the following areas which are in proximity to higher density populations, and therefore, create a substantial risk of a public nuisance:

a. Historic District of Weaverville;
b. Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District;
c. Trinity Center Community Services District;
d. Within the following area of the Lewiston Community Services District: Mt. Diablo Meridian, Township 33N, Range 8W, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, and Mt. Diablo Meridian, Township 33N, Range 9W, Section 24.
e. Bucktail Subdivision: Unit 1, 2 and 3 as found in Trinity County Book of Maps 3, Page 273, Book of Maps 4, Page 53, and Book of Maps 4, Page 150 accordingly on record with the Trinity County Recorder.
f. Any “opt out” area designated by the Board of Supervisors.

This section of the ordinance attempts to define areas in the county where cannabis processing will not be allowed. However, there is insufficient information (no APNs) to determine the specific areas cannabis processing facilities will not be allowed.

Determining areas cannabis processing will not be allowed has three steps:

1) Define an area with legal boundaries (2.a.- 2.f)
2) Define areas within the legal districts that contain “higher density populations”.
3) Define parcels (APNs) in proximity to the higher density populations identified that may "create a substantial risk of a public nuisance".

Only Step 1 has been completed. In order to generate a list of all affected APNs Steps 2 and 3 are required.