TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

APPLICANT: Trinity County  REPORT BY: Leslie Hubbard

APN: Countywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Amendment to the County’s Zoning Ordinance Regarding Section 43.2 Allowing for Commercial Manufacturing of Cannabis (Exhibit A).

LOCATION: Countywide

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Planning Commission to re-consider allowing Cannabis manufacturing in the Agricultural Preserve (AP) zoning district and to exclude Cannabis manufacturing from the Lewiston Opt Out area and Historic District of Weaverville.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This ordinance appeared before the Commission on October 26 and December 7, 2017 and on January 11, 2018. The item appeared for the first reading before the Trinity County Board of Supervisors on April 17 and May 1, 2018.

During the May 1, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board requested that the item return to the Planning Commission to re-visit two issues:
1) Should Cannabis manufacturing be allowed in the AP zoning district; and
2) Should Cannabis manufacturing be excluded from the Lewiston Opt Out area and the Historic District of Weaverville.

STAFF EVALUATION:

Allowing Cannabis Manufacturing in the Agricultural Preserve (AP) Zoning District

The California Department of Public Health’s Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch (MCSB) is one of three state licensing authorities charged with and responsible for licensing and regulating commercial Cannabis activity in California.

According to their website, the goal is to “strive to protect public health and safety by ensuring commercial cannabis manufacturers operate safe, sanitary workplaces and follow good
B. Cannabis manufacturing facilities involving volatile processes or substances (requiring a Type 7 State license) may be permitted, subject to first obtaining a Conditional Use Permit, in the following zoning districts:

Heavy Commercial ("C3")
Industrial ("I")
Specific Unit Development ("SUD"), whose guidelines specifically identify parcels for industrial development.

Section 13.1 of the Trinity County Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit B) provides the general description of AP:

Agricultural Preserve Zoning Districts are those areas of the County containing agricultural lands of at least 100 acres which qualify for inclusion under the California Land Conservation Act (Cal. Govt Code, Sec. 51200 et, seq.). Purpose of this Zoning District is to preserve and insure the continuing utilization of lands for agricultural production purposes. To obtain the benefits of Agricultural Preserve Zoning the property owner must enter into a contract with the County. Failure to abide by this contract will result in cancellation of the Zoning and its benefits as well as severe tax penalties.

The list of uses permitted in an agricultural preserve district, appearing in Section B. of Section 13.1 include:

- Agricultural Packing Plant
- Animal Husbandry
- Apiary
- Aviary
- Dairy
- Grazing
- Forestry
- Hog Ranch
- Nursery
- Orchard
- Poultry Farm
- Row and Field Crops
- Vineyard
- Other uses found to be similar in nature as determined by the Planning Commission.

The list of uses permitted on a parcel in AP, as outlined in Section C. of Section 13.1 include:

- Cattle Feed Yard
- Farm Labor Quarters
- Hydroelectric power generating facilities for commercial use
- Kennel, breeding
- Labor Camp
- Slaughterhouse
- Tent Camp
Staff received 41 letters from members of the public in favor of excluding the Lewiston Opt Out area, Weaverville Historic District, and/or all opt out areas from Cannabis manufacturing and/or any other Cannabis activities in addition to cultivation (Exhibit E).

As directed by the Board of Supervisors, staff recommends that the Planning Commission discuss these items, then make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION:

The County finds that this Chapter is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal Code Regs. Sec. 15378(b)(5) and is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The granting of individual Cannabis manufacturing licenses will require a Planning Commission-issued Conditional Use Permit requiring the applicant to complete a Project Initial Study-Environmental Checklist and Evaluation of Environmental Impacts.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Hubbard
Deputy Director of Planning
ORDINANCE NO. 315-XXX
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF TRINITY
AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 315 BY
CREATING SECTION 28.2 ALLOWING FOR
COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING OF CANNABIS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Trinity hereby finds and declares the following:

Section 1: Findings and Declarations:

1. The voters of the State of California approved Proposition 215 (codified as Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 and entitled “The Compassionate Use Act of 1996”). The intent of Proposition 215 was to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use Cannabis for medical purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician, and to ensure that patients and their primary caregivers who obtain and use Cannabis for medical purposes upon the recommendation of a physician are not thereby subject to criminal prosecution or sanction.

2. The State enacted SB 420 in 2004 known as the Medical Marijuana Program Act (codified as Health and Safety Code section 11362.7 et seq.) to clarify the scope of The Compassionate Use Act of 1996, facilitate the prompt identification of qualified patients and primary caregivers avoid unnecessary arrest and prosecution of these individuals, provide needed guidance to law enforcement officers, promote uniform and consistent application of the Act and enhance the access of patients and caregivers to medical Cannabis through collective, cooperative cultivation projects and to allow local governing bodies to adopt and enforce rules and regulations consistent with SB420.

3. On September 11, 2015, the State enacted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) which took effect January 1, 2016, and which mandated a comprehensive state licensure and regulatory framework for cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, transportation, testing and dispensing of medical Cannabis on a commercial basis. MMRSA was amended by SB 837. On June 27, 2017, the State enacted the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act setting forth regulations for State licensure beginning in January, 2018.

4. Previous landmark Cannabis legislation, including the Compassionate Use Act and the Medical Marijuana Program Act have precipitated a “green rush” with individuals moving to Trinity County to grow and manufacturing Cannabis; with some seeking to capitalize on ambiguities in the law while others lack an awareness of community and environmental consciousness.

5. Senate Bill 94 known as the Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), established a comprehensive system to control and regulate the cultivation, distribution, transport, storage, manufacturing, processing and sale of both of the following: (1) Medicinal Cannabis and medicinal Cannabis products for patients with valid
physician’s recommendations; and (2) Adult-use Cannabis and adult-use Cannabis products for adults 21 years of age and over.

6. In the absence of a formal regulatory framework, Cannabis manufacturers are less likely to learn of, or implement, guidelines that are protective of the public peace health, safety and the environment.

7. It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within Trinity County and comply with state law and federal guidelines.

8. It is the intent of the County of Trinity to have a strong and effective regulatory and enforcement system with regard to Cannabis that addresses threats to public safety, health and other law enforcement interests through robust controls and procedures that are effective in practice.

9. This ordinance provides regulations and control over manufacturing of Cannabis, and prevents the potential introduction of dangerous product and practices within the County.

**Section 2: Application**

The County hereby enacts the following as Section 28.5 of the Trinity County Zoning Ordinance No.315: Cannabis Manufacturing

1. **Definitions:**

   A. “Cannabis” and “Marijuana” are used interchangeably and mean any plant of the genus Cannabis, as defined by section 11018 of the Health and Safety Code.

   B. “Manufacture” means to compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a cannabis product. In addition, “Manufacturer” means a licensee that conducts the production, preparation or compounding of cannabis or cannabis products either directly or indirectly or by extraction methods, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination or extraction and chemical synthesis at a fixed location that packages or repackages cannabis or cannabis products or labels or relabels its container.

   C. “Nonvolatile solvent” means any solvent used in the extraction process that is not a volatile solvent, including carbon dioxide and ethanol. This requires a Type 6 license which allows for extraction using mechanical methods or nonvolatile solvents.

   D. "School" means an institution of learning for minors, whether public or private, offering a regular course of instruction required by the California Education Code, or any licensed preschool or child day care facility. This definition includes a nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school, middle or junior high school, senior high school, or any special institution of education, excluding homeschools.

   E. “Volatile solvent” means any solvent that is or produces a flammable gas or vapor that, when present in the air in sufficient quantities, will create explosive or ignitable mixtures. The state’s examples of volatile solvents include, butane, hexane, and propane. Type 7 licensee can use both nonvolatile and volatile solvents in its extractions, infusions or mechanical methods.
F. “Youth-oriented facility” means public park, and any establishment that advertises in a manner that identifies the establishment as catering to or providing services primarily intended for minors, or the individuals who regularly patronize, congregate or assemble at the establishment are predominantly minors.

2. Allowable Zoning Districts

A. Nonvolatile or mechanical methods Cannabis manufacturing facilities (requiring a Type 6, Type N and Type P State License) may be permitted in the following zoning districts subject to first obtaining a Conditional Use Permit:

- General Commercial (“C2”)
- Heavy Commercial (“C3”)
- Industrial (“I”)
- Agricultural (“A”)
- Specific Unit Development (“SUD”), whose guidelines specifically identify parcels for industrial development.

B. Cannabis manufacturing facilities involving volatile, nonvolatile, or mechanical methods, processes or substances (requiring a Type 7 State license) may be permitted in the following zoning districts subject to first obtaining a Conditional Use Permit:

- Heavy Commercial (“C3”)
- Industrial (“I”)
- Specific Unit Development (“SUD”), whose guidelines specifically identify parcels for industrial development.

C. Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall not be allowed within the following areas:

i. Trinity County jurisdiction of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and within the lease lots within the Ruth Lake Community Services District.

3. Types of Licenses Available:

A. Type 6 Licenses are available for extractions using nonvolatile solvents or mechanical methods.
B. Type 7 Licenses are available for extractions using volatile substances.
C. Type N licenses are available for infusions, including using pre-extracted oils to create edibles, beverages, capsules, water cartridges, tinctures or topical.
D. Type P Licenses are available for packaging and labeling only.

4. Regulations:

Cannabis manufacturing shall comply with all of the following regulations:
A. Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall be located only in zones that specifically provide for this use. The facility shall not be on prime Agricultural Soil, as determined by the Planning Director or his/her designee.

B. Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall not be allowed within one thousand (1,000) feet of a youth-oriented facility, school, church, or residential treatment facility as defined herein. Cannabis manufacturing facilities shall not be within five hundred (500) feet from an authorized school bus stop, unless a variance is obtained.

C. All Cannabis manufacturing operations shall ensure that Cannabis is obtained from licensed cultivation sources and shall implement best practices and comply with State law to ensure that all manufactured Cannabis products are properly stored, labeled, transported and inspected prior to distribution at a legally permitted and licensed retail outlet. Cannabis manufacturing operations shall purchase at least 75% of its Cannabis from Trinity County sources.

D. Security plan shall be developed which is compliant with State requirements and submitted with an application and must be sufficient to restrict access to only those intended and to deter trespass and theft of Cannabis or Cannabis products shall be provided and maintained. The Security plan shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors, or its designee.

E. A detailed Operating Site Plan must be submitted with an application for a Conditional Use Permit.

F. Fire plans must be prepared by the applicant and approved by the Weaverville Fire District Chief or a designee of the Trinity County Board of Supervisors.

G. Applicants must apply for Certified Unified Program Agencies (“CUPA”) which, for Trinity County, is administered through the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

H. Any employees of a Cannabis manufacturing facility operating potentially hazardous equipment shall be trained on the proper use of equipment and on the proper hazard response protocols in the event of equipment failure. In addition, employees handling edible Cannabis products or ingredients shall be trained on proper food safety practices.

I. Any license holder of a manufacturing license shall not have been convicted of serious felony or Schedule I, II or III Felony, excluding a non-serious felony conviction for sale, transportation or cultivation of Cannabis except if the conviction is on public lands. Applicants will have to declare this under penalty of perjury on one of the application forms.

J. For Type 7 licenses the following additional requirements must be met:
   i. Extractions must be in closed loop system as defined and prescribed by State of California.
   ii. Wastewater shall be disposed of in to an adequate sewage system, as prescribed by Trinity County Environmental Health Division and pursuant to California State regulations.
   iii. The facility must be setback a minimum of 100 feet from all adjacent property lines.
iv. All building structures must have operational automatic fire sprinklers.

5. Required Findings:
   A. A Conditional Use Permit for Cannabis manufacturing shall not be granted by the appropriate authority unless all of the following findings are made based on substantial evidence:
   B. The manufacturing facility will comply with all of the requirements of the State and County for the Cannabis manufacturing. This includes, but is not limited to, product safety, THC levels, edible standards, timelines, packaging and labeling requirements.
   C. The manufacturing, as approved and conditioned will not result in significant unavoidable impacts on the environment.
   D. The manufacturing includes adequate quality control measures to ensure Cannabis manufactured at the site meets industry State standards.
   E. The manufacturing facility does not pose a significant threat to the public or to neighboring uses from explosion or from the release of harmful gases, liquids or substances.
   F. The manufacturing operations plan includes adequate measures that address the federal enforcement priorities for Cannabis activities.

6. Required Conditions:

   In addition to any other conditions and mitigation that apply to all permits for Cannabis manufacturing:

   A. The manufacturer shall allow access to the facility and access to records if requested by the County, its officers, or agents, for an annual inspection and submit to inspections from the County or its officers to verify compliance with all relevant rules, regulations and conditions.
   B. The applicant for the manufacturing facility and the property owner shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless from any and all claims and proceedings relating to the approval of the permit or relating to any damage to property or persons stemming from the commercial Cannabis activity.
   C. Any person operating a Cannabis manufacturing facility shall obtain a valid and fully executed commercial Cannabis manufacturing license from the State prior to commencing operations, and must maintain such license in good standing in order to continue operations.
   D. The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all commercial Cannabis activities at the site operate in good standing with permits and licenses required by the Trinity County Code and State law. Failure to take appropriate action to evict or otherwise remove operators who do not maintain permits or licenses in good standing with the County or State shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to this Chapter.
   E. The manufacturing facilities and activities shall be maintained in accordance with the operating plans approved by the County.
F. The Cannabis Manufacturing Program Fee is due annually from date of issuance and is set at:
   i. Type 6: $5,000.00 plus $1,000 towards the General Plan update.
   ii. Type 7: $6,000.00 plus $1,000 towards the General Plan update.
   iii. Type N: $2,000.00 plus $500 towards the General Plan update.
   iv. Type P: $2,000.00 plus $500 towards the General Plan update.

G. The above Fee amounts are not anticipated to fully cover the cost of administering this Ordinance; however, within twelve months of this Ordinance, the County may conduct a fee study to determine the total cost of administering this Ordinance.
   i. If, based on the results of the fee study, the fee needs to be increased; the County may increase the Fee by way of resolution for any new or renewal registrations.
   ii. If, based on the results of the fee study, the fee exceeds the cost of administering this Ordinance the County shall decrease the fee by way of resolution and shall also reimburse applicants their proportional share of any overpayment.

7. Denial/Rescission of License:

   A. Applicant’s Application shall be denied or the issuance of a license rescinded if the Trinity County becomes aware of any of the following:
      i. The applicant has provided materially false documents or testimony;
      ii. The operation as proposed if permitted, would not comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to the Building, Planning, Housing, Fire and Health Codes of the County including the provisions of this Chapter and with all applicable laws including zoning and county ordinances;

   B. Applicant shall be given a minimum of seven (7) business days to correct any deficiencies prior to the issuance of a denial or rescission.

   C. Applicant or Licensee shall have the right to appeal any denials or rescissions as prescribed in Chapter 8.90.130 of the Trinity County Code.

Section 3: CEQA

The County finds that this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Business and Professions Code section 26055(h) until July 1, 2019 because this Ordinance requires discretionary review for the individual licenses that are provided for within.

The County finds that this Chapter is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal.Code Regs.Sec. 15378(b)(5) and is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The establishment of
individual Cannabis manufacturing operations will require a Planning Commission-issued Conditional Use Permit requiring the applicant to complete a Project Initial Study-Environmental Checklist and Evaluation of Environmental Impacts.

Section 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance, it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in the Trinity Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Trinity State of California.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the            day of_______, _____, and passed and enacted this            day of_______, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Trinity by motion, second (/), and the following vote:

  AYES: Supervisors
  NOES: None
  ABSENT: None
  ABSTAIN: None
  RECUSE: None

KEITH GROVES, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Trinity
State of California

ATTEST:

RICHARD KUHNS, Psy.D
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:____________________________________
   Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

Margaret E. Long, County Counsel
SECTION 13.1 AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE DISTRICT
OR "AP" DISTRICT

A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Agricultural Preserve Zoning Districts are those areas of the County containing agricultural lands of at least 100 acres which qualify for inclusion under the California Land Conservation Act (Cal. Govt Code, Sec. 51200 et, seq.). Purpose of this Zoning District is to preserve and insure the continuing utilization of lands for agricultural production purposes. To obtain the benefits of Agricultural Preserve Zoning the property owner must enter into a contract with the County. Failure to abide by this contract will result in cancellation of the Zoning and its benefits as well as severe tax penalties.

B. LIST OF USES PERMITTED IN AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE DISTRICT:

- Agricultural Packing Plant
- Animal Husbandry
- Apiary
- Aviary
- Dairy
- Grazing
- Forestry
- Hog Ranch
- Nursery
- Orchard
- Poultry Farm
- Row and Field Crops
- Vineyard
- Other uses found to be similar in nature as determined by the Planning Commission.

C. LIST OF USES PERMITTED ON A PARCEL ONLY AFTER OBTAINING A USE PERMIT:

- Cattle Feed Yard
- Farm Labor Quarters
- Hydroelectric power generating facilities for commercial use
- Kennel, breeding
- Labor Camp
- Slaughterhouse
- Tent Camp
D. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES: The following accessory uses are deemed to be compatible with agricultural uses provided they do not significantly detract from the use of the property for, or inhibit, agricultural uses:

Accessory buildings and uses normally incidental to the uses permitted.

One single family dwelling per parcel and normal residential accessory to harvesting or planting operations.

Temporary labor camps, less than one year in duration, accessory to harvesting or planting operations.

Recreational use such as walking, hiking, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, or hunting.

E. MINIMUM PARCEL AREA: The minimum acreage to be considered for an Agricultural Preserve District shall be one hundred (100) contiguous acres. Parcels within an Agricultural Preserve shall not be less than forty (40) acres, or a quarter-quarter section.

F. BUILDING HEIGHT: The maximum building height shall be forty (40) feet.

G. FRONT YARD SETBACK: The front yard setback shall have a minimum depth of twenty (20) feet. (Ord. 315-722)

H. SIDE YARD SETBACK: Each side yard shall have a minimum setback of twenty (20) feet.

I. REAR YARD SETBACK: The rear yard setback shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet.

J. CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY: Land zoned as Agricultural Preserve may qualify for property tax benefits conferred through a "Land Conservation Contract" as provided by this section and the California Land Conservation Act.

K. CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION: The following criteria must be met before land is included in a "Land Conservation Contract". Each parcel proposed for inclusion in a contract shall meet these criteria individually rather than collectively (i.e., merger of parcels may be required prior to inclusion).

1. There shall be a capital outlay for agricultural capital improvements affixed to the land in the minimum total sum of $20,000.00, excluding applicant's residence and original cost of land. The value of such capital improvements shall be made on the basis of replacement cost. Not more than 25% of such capital outlay may consist of breeding stock.
2. Each parcel shall lie within an Agricultural Preserve. Parcels considered for contract shall not be less than forty (40) acres, or a quarter-quarter section.

3. The gross income derived from such agricultural land must be at least fifty percent (50%) of its estimated agricultural (production of food or fiber for commercial purposes) capabilities. Said estimated capabilities to be determined by the Board of Supervisors with assistance from appropriate advisory agencies. This clause refers to the qualifications of the applicant, and does not affect the findings of the County Assessor.

4. The applicant shall furnish supporting information concerning the land's agricultural capabilities and use, including gross annual income and expenses, inventory of livestock, capital improvements and such other information as the County may deem necessary in making its determination of eligibility and the payments the landowner should receive under the contract.

5. Each application shall be signed by all owners and security holders of record.

6. All contracts and each renewal thereof will be for a term of ten (10) years. Each contract shall be automatically renewed annually on the renewal date, so long as notice of non-renewal has not been filed by either party.

7. The initial date and the renewal date for all contracts shall be July 1.

8. All applications for contract shall be submitted prior to October 1 of the year preceding the year in which the landowner desires to effectuate the contract. If the application is approved and the contract is signed prior to the lien date in any year, the contract shall be effective as of July 1 of that year. If approval is obtained upon or after the lien date, the contract shall be effective as of July of the succeeding year.

L. NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL: If either the landowner or the County desires in any year not to renew the contract, that party shall serve written notice of nonrenewal of the contract upon the other party in advance of the annual renewal date of the contract. Unless such written notice is served by the landowner at least 90 days prior to the renewal date or by the County at least 60 days prior to the renewal date, the contract shall be considered renewed for 10 years.

M. CANCELLATION: Failure to utilize land zoned Agricultural Preserve consistent with the intent of this Ordinance as determined by the County shall be grounds for cancellation of the contract. Cancellation of the contract by the property owner shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
A sum equal to the tax savings for each and every year the contract has been in effect, plus a compounded interest component to be determined by an announced rate which has the same yield rate for long term United States Government Bonds as published by the Federal Reserve Board for each year, rounded to the nearest one-quarter percent (1/4%) or an amount equal to seventy percent (70%) pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 5, Paragraphs 51283 and 51283.3 of the California Government Code, whichever is greater, shall be provided to the County prior to cancellation of the contract.

N. RECORDATION: All contracts, cancellations of contracts, and notices of non-renewal of the contracts shall be recorded with the County Recorder.
SECTION 29.5. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND PRESERVATION: SPECIAL TREATMENT (ST)

A. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Section is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage for the following reasons:

1. To safeguard the County's heritage as embodied and reflected in such resources;
2. To encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the County's past;
3. To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on the recognition and use of cultural resources;
4. To promote the enjoyment and use of cultural resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the County;
5. To preserve diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design preferences reflecting phases of the County's history and to encourage complementary contemporary design and construction;
6. To enhance property values and to increase economic and financial benefits to the County and its inhabitants;
7. To protect and enhance the County's attraction to tourists and visitors (thereby stimulating business and industry);
8. To identify as early as possible and resolve conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses;
9. To integrate the preservation of cultural resources into public and private land management and development processes;
10. To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing historic environment.
B. AREA OF APPLICATION: This Section shall apply to: a) all Districts or sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places; b) to other sites of historic significance upon application of the property owner. Said areas or sites shall be zoned as "Special Treatment" (ST), or "Special Treatment Area" (STA) (which shall be applied as an overlay zone) upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

C. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

District I:
Siskiyou/Trinity County line, Shasta/Trinity County line, divide between Grass Valley Creek and Indian Creek, divide between Vitzhum Gulch and Tom Lang Gulch, unnamed ridge, Lime Kiln Gulch, Browns Mountain, Rush Creek Road, Highway 3, Rush Creek, divide between Canyon Creek and Stuart Fork, to the point of beginning.

District II:
Humboldt/Trinity County line, Siskiyou/Trinity County line, divide between Canyon Creek and Stuart Fork, Rush Creek, Highway 3, Rush Creek Road, Browns Mountain, Lime Kiln Gulch, unnamed ridge, divide between Vitzhum Gulch and Tom Lang Gulch, divide between Grass Valley Creek and Indian Creek, Shasta/Trinity County line, Hayfork divide, Hells Half Acre Creek, to the point of beginning.

District III:
Hells Half Acre Creek, Hayfork divide, Shasta/Trinity County line, Tehama/Trinity County line, Mendocino/Trinity County line, Humboldt/Trinity County line, to the point of beginning.

A. PERMITTED USES: All uses permitted in the underlying zone shall be permitted in the "ST" or "STA" overlay zone provided that review and approval is obtained from the appropriate Architectural Review and Preservation Committee for any proposal to tear down, demolish, construct, alter or remove any improvement, or any portion thereof, which lies within a Historical District or Special Treatment Area or which has been designated as a Landmark, or Special Treatment Site in agreement with the provisions of this Section; or to alter in any manner an exterior architectural element of any improvement within a Historical District or Special Treatment Area or Special Treatment Site; or to place, erect, alter or relocate any sign within a Historical District or on a Special Treatment Site; or to remove trees (larger than 3 inches diameter at breast height) or riparian vegetation; or to locate, alter or remove any item affecting the general appearance of a Historical District or Special Treatment Area or Special Treatment Site.
E. ESTABLISHMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: There are established in the County three Architectural Review and Preservation Committees, each consisting of five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The members of each Committee shall be residents of the County. Each Committee shall consist of a Planning Commission member, an architect or contractor or builder, a Historical Society Member, a member of the business community (who owns a business within a Special Treatment Area under the Committee's jurisdiction), and a representative of the artistic community. A Planning Department Staff member shall serve as secretary. Said Planning Staff member shall be a non-voting member of the Committee.

Each Committee shall have the power and authority to perform all the duties as described and provided in Subsection F. The original appointment of the members of the Committee shall be made for four-year staggered terms. If a member is unable to fulfill his/her term, the Board of Supervisors shall make an interim appointment to fill the unexpired term of that member and, where the member is required to have special qualifications, such vacancy shall be filled by interim appointment, in the manner described in this section, with a person having those qualifications. Members may continue to serve upon re-appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

F. COMMITTEE AUTHORITY:

1. The Committee shall have the following authority:

   (a) To conduct any survey of local properties within the boundaries of the County, complying with all applicable standards and criteria of the statewide survey undertaken by the State Historic Preservation Office;

   (b) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors when conducting studies and/or retaining consultants for projects within the Historic Districts or Special Treatment Areas.

   (c) To adopt specific guidelines for Landmarks, Special Treatment Sites, improvements within the Historical District and Special Treatment Areas. These guidelines shall be subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors;

   (d) To cooperate with Federal and State governments in the pursuit of the objectives of historic preservation;

   (e) To participate in the review and approval of land use, renewal, community or County improvements and other planning undertaken or approved by any agency or official of the County, State or Federal governments; (applies only to areas or sites affected by this section)
(f) To establish and maintain a detailed inventory of improvements, structures and buildings within the Historical Districts and Special Treatment Areas and of Landmarks, Landmark Sites and Special Treatment Sites within the County;

(g) To establish rules and regulations which are necessary for the effective conduct of the business of the Committee;

(h) To perform all other duties, responsibilities and functions outlined in this Section, and all other duties which are proper or necessary to the purpose of this Section. The Committee shall obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors prior to entering into any contractual relationship or incurring any expenses.

G. REVIEW CRITERIA: The Architectural Review and Preservation Committee may approve a project or proposal for work as described in Subsection D if it determines that:

1. The proposed construction, removal, rehabilitation, alteration, remodeling, excavation, placement or exterior alteration conforms with the purposes of this section and specifically emphasizes the preservation of architectural styles existing in the County circa 1900 (i.e. 1890-1910), or emphasizes other distinct or noteworthy architectural styles of the area or site.

H. DESIGN GUIDELINES: Subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Committee shall by resolution adopt minimum Design Guidelines to use in its review of applications within Special Treatment Areas and Special Treatment Sites relating to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration or reconstruction of any improvements, signs, buildings or structures. Any such guidelines shall not be adopted or amended by the Committee without prior public hearing. Notice of the date, place and time and a general description of the proposal shall be published at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing in the local newspaper. There shall be guidelines for commercial improvements and residential improvements.

These Design Guidelines shall pertain to the type of construction as it relates to historic use of the site, rather than actual use of the building or property (e.g. a house used for commercial purposes would need to meet guidelines for residential structures).

I. APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applications for approval of activities covered by this Section shall be accompanied by the following materials in addition to other information that the Committee may deem appropriate in making its decision:

1. An elevation of each exposed side of the existing or proposed building or buildings, drawn at a scale of one-eighth (1/8) of an inch equals one foot (1’), or larger, identifying all materials, textures and colors to be used;
2. Samples of all materials, including paint chips of the proposed exterior colors;

1. A site plan indicating existing topography, vegetation, structures and adjacent development, drawn at a scale of one-eighth (1/8) of an inch equals one foot (1') or larger;

4. Drawings of exterior details on buildings include: light standards and fixtures; screens for mechanical equipment or trash, meters and meter boxes; existing and proposed signs; and such other details as may exist on any building or property;

5. Drawings of the exterior of structures, displays (including window coverings, treatments or screening) or furniture or merchandise (located outside of a structure) to be located upon sites within the Special Treatment Area or Site, including fences, signs and lighting;

6. Site photographs indicating topography, vegetation, existing structures and adjacent development;

7. True, correct and complete copies of old photographs or historical records if available pertaining to the existing building site or area;

8. Where the application involves grading or drainage work, a plan indicating existing (solid line) and proposed (dashed line) contours, at two foot (2') or five foot (5') intervals, and all existing features of the grade;

9. Conceptual landscape plans, including lighting, general type of vegetation, size and location of ground covers, trees and other vegetation, where changes of landscaping are proposed;

10. Development which will alter or interrupt in a significant manner views or vistas from a public street or way shall be visually apparent on the site plan. Documentation shall be submitted indicating that alternative ways of preserving sight lines have been considered;

11. Applications for signs shall include: a site plan showing the location of the building upon which the sign will be attached; an elevational drawing showing the location on the building where the sign will be placed (drawn to scale); a rendition (drawn to scale) of the proposed sign, including size (length, width, depth), design, height from ground, distance from other nearby signs; lighting, colors (paint chips); and lettering styles;

12. Any or all of the application requirements as written in this subsection may be waived at the discretion of the Committee;
13. Proposals or projects not involving the construction of new buildings or utilizing an estimated value of less than $5,000 in materials shall not be subject to review fees.

J. DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL: No improvement, structure, or building located within a Historic District, Special Treatment Area or Special Treatment Site shall be torn down, demolished or removed unless such improvement, structure or building is or has become so damaged or dilapidated, either from fire or other elements or from natural deterioration, that it is unusable and cannot reasonably be repaired or restored. Approval to demolish, tear down or remove shall be obtained from the Committee and is subject to the issuance of a demolition permit required by the County Building Department.

K. SIGNS - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. All signs shall be constructed of wood or other materials commonly used in the affected district or general area circa 1900.

2. Indirect light sources may be used, as approved by the Committee, but internally illuminated, flashing, neon, colored light, animated or moving signs are specifically prohibited.

3. All signs shall be consistent in color, design, lettering and style traditionally used in the affected Special Treatment Area.

L. VARIATION FROM BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AND ENCROACHMENTS: The Building Inspector is authorized and directed, where applicable, to administer and enforce as alternative building regulations, those rules and regulations adopted in agreement with the Park and State Historical Building Code of Title 24 and building standards of California Administrative Code as authorized in Section 18950 through 18960 of the Health and Safety Code. Said direction shall apply to any area or site subject to the provisions of the Section.

M. ORDINARY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance and repair of any improvement, sign or exterior architectural feature, which was constructed, placed, erected or located in conformance with this Section, in or on any property covered by this Section that does not involve a change in design, materials or exterior appearance; nor does this Section prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or removal of any such feature when the Building Inspector certifies to the Committee that such action is required for the public safety due to unsafe or dangerous conditions and cannot reasonably be restored or repaired.
I reside in Coffee Creek and am opposed to allowing manufacturing of marijuana or processing of marijuana of any sort in or near Coffee Creek. Opt out areas should not be included. We are realizing that even the few of licensed growers in the area are still not following the marijuana ordinance rules, for example growing cannabis next door to us (less than the 350 foot requirement) and when we file a complaint there is no follow up. I dread to think what would happen if manufacturing was also allowed in Coffe Creek. Opt out areas should be just that for all forms of growing, manufacturing and distribution.

Michele Coleman
1351 Eagle Creek Loop
Coffee Creek

Ripple Creek Cabins HC 2, Box 4020 Trinity Center, CA 96091 [www.ripplecreekcabins.com](http://www.ripplecreekcabins.com) (530) 266-3505
Planning commission,
Please do not allow Cannibis manufacturing to occur legally in our beautiful neighborhood.
There is no way on earth that this would enhance our existence in any way.
We are vehemently opposed to ANY Cannibis activity here, and will be selling our home and leaving the area if the North Lake area becomes anymore like Hayfork.
There is no industrial area in our community.
We have no infrastructure for such businesses.
Already in Coffee Creek we have a huge ugly structure related to MJ easily seen from our scenic hwy 3.
This does nothing to entice people to enjoy a drive on our scenic highway.
As an all volunteer fire dept, our volunteers, including my beloved retired husband ,would have to respond to emergencies in commercial buildings that might contain dangerous, toxic chemicals.
We have no workforce that would benefit from the presence of such employment as would exist in these buildings.
We have no law enforcement available to respond to issues at these businesses.
These businesses would be a break in magnet to our criminal element.
With the Cannibis related mayhem that our community had already experienced related to growing, we are already uncomfortable riding our mules, motorcycle, at, bikes in places that once felt homey and safe.
You have already let in multiple grows to our supposed, "opt out" area.
Please stop here.
Thank you for your consideration,
Claudia Lawrence

Please consider our plea,
Claudia Lawrence

Sent from my iPad
Dear Sirs,

I have worked for years to own a home at Trinity Center. My purpose was to leave the pit falls of the big city and as you know there are many.

You can imagine my disappointment to see the worst of these pit falls trying to establish itself in our wonderful community.

I have seen first hand how the Cannabis Industry has destroyed other communities and ask that you do everything in your power to put a stop to it in ours.

Any expansion of this industry in Trinity County will only take away from the quality of life that we all treasure. More importantly the damage will be irreversible.

I ask you to carefully consider just how important your vote is to put a stop to this unwanted industry.

PLEASE KEEP OUR OPT OUT AREAS PURE!

PLEASE PROTECT OUR NO GROW ZONES!

PLEASE PUT STOP TO ANY NEW CANNABIS LICENSING!

PLEASE PROTECT OUR LAKE LEVEL AND QUALITY OF THE WATER IN IT!

PLEASE PROTECT THE COUNTY THAT WE HAVE ALL COME TO LOVE!

PLEASE VOTE TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY!

We need your help.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Glenn Bjorkman
291 Lakeview Drive
Trinity Center

PH: 805-689-8200
I'm writing this document to protest any manufacture of Cannabis within the Historic District or within the boundaries of the town Lewiston Ca.
Dear Planning Commissioners:

I would like to encourage you to vote to keep cannabis manufacturing out of ALL opt-out areas. When I am volunteering at the visitor center/chamber office in Weaverville, I meet many retirees who are strolling the town interested in history, historic sights, some shopping and good food. Since many of our tourists and locals are senior citizens and are not in favor of such a drug culture in our historic areas, I fear that our town would soon also be avoided by many vacationers if manufacturing or even retail stores begin to appear on Main Street. I know that my husband and I found our recent visit to Garberville very uncomfortable. The town seems to be taken over by the cannabis culture and feels very rundown now and unsafe. Please respect our history and don't make radical changes to our towns that will adversely affect tourism as it is one of our county's main economic resources.

Thank you for guarding our beautiful outdoor recreational and historic environment.

Beverly Leeder
bevleeder@gmail.com
Friends and neighbors,

Please consider writing letters to the planning commission asking them not to recommend allowing micro or major businesses to manufacture Cannabis products in our community.
The BOS seems to have been bending over backward to allow these 'business' people to pollute our neighborhood with all things Cannabis.
We managed to get our opt out Area, but some big offenders are still making our lives miserable.
We are vehemently opposed to any Cannabis related industry in Coffee Creek.
Letters to the planning commission will help at this stage.
Please consider sending an e-mail or letter to the PC stating how you feel.
Any letters received by the P.C. Before the next meeting will become part of the record.
Thanks,
Claudia
My concern is dual fold.

1. I am on the Water Board of the Lewiston Park Mutual Water Co. I am aware of the limit of our facilities to accommodate serving our current community with water and sewage. Due to global warming we are going to see diminished snow packs which translates to water shortage. This has been an issue brought to us by Pace Engineering and the California Water Resource Board. We are limited to supplying the residents that we now have. Adding additional agriculture, construction and supporting it with additional wells will reduce our already low water tables. We are not able to support more customers for both sewage and water. The State grants, we have received, limit us to who we currently serve and will not allow for expansion. Basically, we are in a building moratorium.

2. Until the Cannabis is regulated tightly at a Federal level, I am not interested in the crime that comes with this industry. Cannabis today is NOT a gateway drug because a lot of users supplement it with other illicit drugs. This creates a criminal enviroment and a public safety issue.

I would appreciate your consideration on this problem.

Thanks, Judi Haseltine
10 Sutter St.
Lewiston, CA
In regards to the meeting on May 24, 2018, please vote to not allow cannabis manufacturing facilities, or any cannabis related businesses, nurseries, retails, etc. in any of the Trinity County Opt Out Areas.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. & Milo R. Richards, VOTERS
Lewiston CA
Commissioners,

As residents of Lewiston, we want you to know that we are opposed to any commercial cannabis manufacturing activities in our community. Please respect the community’s opt-out preference.

Sincerely,
John & Evelyn Ward
100 Chief George Meadow Rd.
Lewiston
Cannabis manufacturing should not be allowed in Trinity County period. As far as I am concerned, cannabis should not be allowed anywhere in Trinity County. Jim Taylor, Trinity center.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
We strongly oppose cannabis manufacturing in the Lewiston opt-out zone. We have lived here for 40 years and have seen the disruption and destruction of property and watershed adjacent to our home. In addition, our home value has been negatively affected. More pot growing activity in and around residences is not desirable in any way. Please help preserve the quality of life that we've invested our future in. We are urging you to not amend zoning ordinance 315 with a new section 43.2.

Thanks very much,
Steve and Annabel Myers - Parcels #025-610-10-00 and #025-620-11-00.
May 1, 2018

Trinity County Planning Commission
PO Box 2819
Weaverville, CA 96093

Planning Department Commissioners:

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2016-077, “Four Principles on Local Regulation of Cannabis.” These same four principles should also be guidelines for your decisions.

How can we keep Trinity County a “safe place for all residents to live, to work or enjoy retirement and to raise their families” when cannabis has now infiltrated every corner of our county.

How will having cannabis manufacturing facilities in commercial areas protect the “historical quality of life and natural environment in Trinity County.”?

How can any cannabis activity “take place without environmental damage and without detriment to neighbors or communities”? You are the deciding force to help our county or hurt our county.

And, lastly, will the tourists who have visited Trinity County for years because it is pristine wilderness, now come back with cannabis manufacturing facilities, cannabis dispensaries, cannabis tasting rooms as the main draw? Really, will cannabis help Trinity County “regain its reputation as a popular tourist destination”? I think not.

I urge you to not allow cannabis manufacturing facilities or, for that matter, any more cannabis functions in the Opt Out Area of Lewiston or other Trinity County Opt-Out areas. That is the very least you can do.

Thank you for making the right choice.

Sincerely,

Glenn W. Rodney, Col. USMC, Ret.
1998 Goose Ranch Road
Lewiston CA 96052

Enc.
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF TRINITY
ADOPTING FOUR PRINCIPLES ON LOCAL REGULATION OF CANNABIS

WHEREAS, Trinity County will be a safe place for all residents to live, to work or enjoy retirement and to raise their families; and

WHEREAS; the historical quality of life and natural environment in Trinity County will be protected and restored; and

WHEREAS; cannabis cultivation in Trinity County will take place without environmental damage and without detriment to neighbors or communities; and

WHEREAS; Trinity County will regain its reputation as a popular tourist destination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of supervisors of the County of Trinity hereby adopts the aforementioned four principles on local regulation of cannabis.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Trinity by motion, second (Fenley/Groves) and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Groves, Fenley, Morris, Burton and Fisher
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSET: None

[Signature]
KARI FISHER, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Trinity
State of California

ATTEST:

MARGARET E. LONG
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: [Signature]
Deputy
May 1, 2018

Trinity County Planning Commission
PO Box 2819
Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to ask that you do not allow cannabis manufacturing facilities or, any more cannabis functions in the Opt Out Area of Lewiston or other Trinity County Opt-Out areas.

I have lived in Trinity County for many years and did not move here to live with cannabis around every corner. Many of the people who are now attracted to moving here are doing so because there is cannabis and no law enforcement.

We need to keep Trinity County safe for all residents and visitors.

Thank you for making the right choice.

Sincerely,

Janet Keavy
1998 Goose Ranch Road
Lewiston CA 96052
To: Trinity Planning Commission
Re: Cannibis Production Areas

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my response to the issue of legal Cannibis production areas. As you read, you will find I have mixed feelings on the subject.

I am a firm supporter of Cannibis use for medicinal purposes. I have a personal connection to impact that this plant has provided to my nine-year-old nephew. He suffers from several brain disorders, but mainly autism Our family has witnessed first hand, the relief that derivatives from this plant have given him and his family.

I do however have concerns about big commercial production, especially within residential areas. I believe that the explosion of grows in the county, over the last few years, has a direct link to the escalation in crimes being committed. I am not afraid to bluntly state that many (not all) of the people related to these grows are not productive citizens.

The following are just a few of the negative impacts Cannibis has brought to our community.

*many harvesters/trimmers are physically unclean
*they contribute nothing to our economic strength
*after the money is gone, some resort to stealing from residents and businesses
*others leave the area, but forget to take their dogs.
*many turn to panhandling around town
*let's not forget the trash they create in their makeshift camps
*the ongoing struggle to keep our public lands free from toxins
*water diversion is always a concern to folks who use wells or springs as a major water supply to their homes.

I have spent some time weighing the pros and cons on this subject. I have come to the conclusion, that having any commercial production or sales within the area I live, is unacceptable. There are several areas that can be utilized for this product that are not within residential zones.

Out county suffers from a low economy, but this not the answer. I want the youth in our community to have a future here, one that is diverse. To bring commercialized cannibis right to their back door is not the best approach. Let's give them the opportunity to grow in a clean community.

I would like you, as stewards who shape our growth, to honor the wishes of our communities who wish to opt out of the Cannibis production.

I live in Lewiston and I do NOT want commercial Cannibis production within the Lewiston Residential Area.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Arnold
P.O. Box 218
Lewiston, CA 95062
May 8, 2018

Attention Trinity County Planning Commission;

As 36 yr. TC resident and business merchant we feel commercial cannabis operations, in any shape or form, should not be allowed in Lewiston or any of the Trinity Opt Out areas!!!

Thank You;

Herb and Pat Burton
PO Box 176
Lewiston, CA 96052
Planning Commission:

We are writing this e-mail to informing the Planning Commission to **not allow** any Cannabis businesses within the Lewiston Opt Out.

We want to keep **cannabis manufacturing facilities** out of ALL opt outs in Trinity County, including Lewiston.

We really are against any of these types of cannabis facilities in Trinity County, much less our opt out areas! We especially do not want cannabis manufacturing facilities near us in our community. This is not the type of business Trinity County should support.

Thank you for Listening
Gerry and Joyce Wilhite
Residents and Tax Payers of
Lewiston, CA
I live on the Trinity River and I would like to see that it will stay wild and scenic, I drink the water and I hope that it will not be another Flint Michigan.
I am not in favor, and against any and all types of cannabis facilities in Trinity County, much less our opt out areas. It is not a legal drug by the federal government.

Daniel Pulizzano
Douglas City Ca 96024
Good Morning,

I enjoy going to Lewiston for fishing, kayaking, camping, and even shopping. Although I am not against cannabis, I do feel that Lewiston is the wrong place for commercial manufacturing. It would change the town to something quite different! There are other areas that would be a better fit for such a business. As a frequent visitor to Lewiston, I am against a cannabis manufacturing plant in this particular area and would look elsewhere for my vacation spot if such a business were part of the landscape.

Sincerely,

Christy Vail
Red Bluff, CA
We are really against any of these types of cannabis facilities in Trinity County, much less our opt out areas! We especially do not want cannabis manufacturing facilities near us.

Joseph Carl Lester & Patricia Annette Lester
67400 Stste Hwy 299 Unit #5
Lewiston,CA 96052
Good morning,

Is it true you are thinking of allowing plants that manufacture cannabis into your area? I hope not. I just told 6 friends about how wonderful the area is, and we just made plans to all visit — go kayaking with a local guide, have massages, visit the winery, and more. I really hate to tell them this and have to decide to go elsewhere. These things really ruin an area. I’ll be watching. Please, don’t let this happen to your beautiful area.

Thank you.

Teri Robertson
San Diego

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
I am not in favor, in fact I am really against any type of cannabis facilities in Trinity County, much less in our opt out areas! And I especially do not want cannabis manufacturing facilities near me in Lewiston. I currently have several neighbors that believe it is currently legal that grow and process marijuana and it is very intrusive to someone that does not use the stuff and hates the smell of it.

Please keep any cannabis facilities out of Trinity County (legal or otherwise)!!!

Cydney Cooper
Business Manager
Lewiston Elementary School
(530)778-6900
My name is Tina Teuscher. I have been a resident of Trinity County for 24 years and do NOT want Commercial Cannibus grows in Lewiston. This is a Residential area! We are an Opt Out area for a reason, the majority of property owners and tax payers of Lewiston do NOT want Cannibus grows in our community! Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you,

Tina

Sent from my iPad
As a property owner living in Lewiston, Trinity County, I am opposed to the continued expansion of Cannabis related issues that come before the BOS and The Planning Commission. It's a constant assault - who will tire first, those seeking to widen the breadth of the Cannabis influence in our county or the people who actually live here year round.

I oppose any and all amendments to zoning ordinances seeking to expand cannabis related business (from grows to sale) in my community of Lewiston and my county of Trinity. As it stands, we as a county are unable to contain or control the non-compliant grows so allowing for more will make it virtually impossible to manage.

It is a danger to me as a resident to have cannabis related industry in my neighborhood and I ask you to stop the ever expanding influence of cannabis here. Not in the Opt Out areas of Lewiston, not in my Rush Creek Road neighborhood and not in Trinity County.

Your staff report has very telling wording "with some seeking to capitalize on ambiguities in the law while others lack an awareness of community and environmental consciousness"

Any "ambiguities"? - let's try saying NO to the expanding the rule of cannabis!

Very sincerely,

Becky Duncan
8040 Rush Creek Rd
Lewiston CA
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What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset. ~ Crowfoot
Ruth Hanover

From: Connie <connieray46@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Info.Planning
Subject: cannabis manufacturing facilities out of Trinity County, including Lewiston and Weaverville.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I HAVE ENJOYED THE TRINITY AREA FOR MANY YEARS. I LOVE TO FISH AND KAYAK AND SHOP IN TOWN. I ALSO, ENJOY THE WATER AT THE OLD BRIDGE. PERSONALLY, I HAVE SEEN SOME STRANGE PEOPLE IN YOUR TOWN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE. THAT SAID, IF I FEEL I AM OUT NUMBERED BY “WEIRD” FOLKS, I WILL BE MAKING VACATION PLANS ELSEWHERE. YOUR BEAUTIFUL, REMOTE, AREA WOULD BE DESTROYED BY THESE FARMS AND THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE AND HANG AROUND.

CONNIE SCOTT
12597 N ANGIER RD.
LODI, CA

Sent from my iPad
WE LIVE IN LEWISTON, IN OPT OUT AREA, PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ANY CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, NURSERIES, OR ANY OTHER RETAIL ETC. IN ANY TRINITY COUNTY OPT OUT AREAS. PLEASE VOTE NO TO ANY OF THIS.

WE HAVE LIVED HERE IN LEWISTON FOR 22 YEARS AND DO NOT WANT OUR AREA FORCED INTO CANNABIS GROWING OR ANY OF THE OTHER RELATED BUSINESSES HERE.

YOURS TRULY,

RALPH AND ANTOINETTE SCHWARTZ
2541 LEWISTON RD.
LEWISTON CA. 96052
Dear Trinity County Planning Commission Members:

I enjoy frequent visits to Trinity County because I love its natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor recreation. I also enjoy the country atmosphere and historic charms of small towns, such as Lewiston. The specter of commercial cannabis facilities moving in is a disturbing one. I think it could threaten the quality of the visitor experience, as well as bring unfortunate changes for residents.

The revenue brought in by these facilities may come at too high a cost in terms of quality of life and suppressing visits by more affluent visitors who will spend money across the board for lodging, dining, specialty shops and recreational outfitters.

Serious consideration of the widespread trade-offs bringing in such facilities is not only important, but is fraught with unknowns. This is new, and the type of facilities, visitors and residents it will attract is a question mark. For this reason, I would stay away from Trinity County out of concern for safety and the diminished small-town ambience I enjoy.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Sherida Bush
Martinez, CA
Trinity County Board of supervisors

A monumental concern looms for citizens about microbusiness ordinance and new license types for manufacturing cannabis. In researching the subject, a growing ground for opium poppies in the Hayfork area was also discovered. What a burden for the citizens of Trinity County and their elected officials!

The news media in Colorado extolls the success of this “industry” in their state glorifying millions of dollars in garnered revenue without mentioning that 47 children died last year in their state from exposure to cannabis. The Florida school shooting tole was 17. They ignore the facts/statistics from the National Institute on Drug Abuse that the THC in marijuana acts on specific brain cell receptors which results in altered senses, sense of time, mood change, impaired body movement, critical thinking and problem solving, impaired memory, delusions, psychosis and affects brain development. For example, a New Zealand study conducted in part by researchers at Duke University showed that people who started smoking marijuana heavily in their teens and had an ongoing marijuana use disorder, lost and average of 8 IQ points between ages 13-38. As with alcohol and tobacco, marijuana studies have shown that early exposure to addictive substances, including THC may change how the brain responds to other drugs. Tobacco strains and now marijuana strains are being created to achieve even more addictive qualities.

This is the industry that California and Trinity County is dealing with and reviewing land use issues for. New people moving into the area have not seen how the decline of our county has been achieved but think cannabis will create a “Napa Valleyish Nirvana”. In reality it’s an invitation to more “drugged driving”, enforcement burdens, taxation regulations and challenging enforcement of revenue sources and huge medical liabilities. The biggest surprise for “entrepreneurs” here however will be the capture of their businesses by the big developers. There are 10 growers in CO who dominate the entire industry there, can Trinity County CA be far from their “next market” list? Native Roots chain holds 59 licenses in Denver and the numbers tell a story of a consolidating industry as big operators buy out small ones struggling to keep up with regulations, tax rules and other pressures.

The taxpaying citizens of Trinity County are counting on their Supervisors to stand firm and use healthier, more resourceful ways to grow our communities.

Marge Heilman
I live in Lewiston and pray you will vote to keep Cannabis—and the commercial manufacturing of cannabis out of our area—

Our community is a hub for recreation and families. Bringing this destructive activity to this area will only stop families, tourists and retirees from vacationing and or moving here, not only because of the crime drugs bring but also the filth and infested water and river beds.

Having any cannabis manufacturing facilities within the opt out areas will not protect the health, safety and general welfare of our residents or businesses.

Respectively,

Staci Holliday,
Goose Ranch Rd. home owner
I have been a frequent visitor to Weaverville and Lewiston for the past 10 years. I love the scenery, the wildlife, fishing, rafting, wine tasting at One Maple Winery, spaghetti dinners and historic downtown. I've been welcomed into the homes of many of the "locals" and dined and in many of their homes.

I would hate to see any commercial cannabis manufacturing facilities or businesses in Lewiston. I have to say that as a woman who camps alone, I would be afraid to see the commercial marijuana trade come to Lewiston! I wouldn't feel safe. This would definitely impact the charm of this darling town!

Sincerely,
Anita Gunton
Menifee, California

Anita Gunton
Vitameatavegamon@aol.com
760-807-6731
I live in Lewiston, in the "Opt Out" area.

While I do not oppose individuals growing a few marijuana plants for their own medicinal, or even recreational use, the selling of marijuana on any scale definitely brings unsavory elements into the community. Commercial growing, on any scale, is inappropriate for areas where people are trying to raise families and lead productive lives. This includes Lewiston.

Please do not allow commercial cannabis to intrude into our quiet community.

Thank you.

James Montgomery
222 Second Ave.
Lewiston, CA 96052
We are writing again to urge the BOS to keep all cannabis manufacturing and any cannabis commercial activity out of the Lewiston Opt Out Area and out of all Opt Out Areas. When the residents said they were opposed to cannabis in their residential areas that meant ALL cannabis activities. That we have to come back and fight this for every ordinance is ridiculous. Please understand that the residents of Lewiston Opt Out do not want any commercial cannabis activities here in our community!

Personally I think you are placing all your eggs in one basket in regards to cannabis. In a few years when it’s not the cash cow everyone thinks it’s going to be, Trinity County will be left with no revenue and nothing to attract tourists to the area and you will still have to deal with all of the thousands of illegal grows here in the county. In the first 2 months of cannabis legalization in CA consumers bought 13% less than state projections, according to a leading analytical firm.

Thank you for your time,

Susanne Risso
Paul Baldwin
Dear Planning Commission,
I want to voice my opinion regarding manufacturing in our opt-out area. I am opposed to this idea.

- We are already faced with growing permits being granted to people who have shown a blatant disregard for the current laws.
- Manufacturing will bring all of the aspects of cannabis to our neighborhood which opt-out is supposed to shield us from, transients, skunk smell, trash, lawlessness, etc.
- Manufacturing has seemed to attract petty crime and even worse.
- Manufacturing should be close to the cultivation areas where we have already permitted this activity. We don't want cultivation here and thusly don't want all of the other aspects of this activity.

No need to stand on the soapbox too long, thanks for your consideration.
Laurence Fitzsimons

If we don't guarantee even the most menial of workers a living wage, we are not a free society, we've just changed the mechanics of slavery. -David Gerrold

Laurence Fitzsimons - AE6DZ
530-266-3898 Coffee Creek, CA
KEEP THEM OUT OF ANY NEW AREAS!!

Haven’t we law abiding citizens given these pot heads to much already!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!.

Oh just ion case you missed the memo “growing pot is still a federal crime”!!

John L. van Groos
Trinity County Planning Commission,

I learned last week that the Trinity County Board of Supervisors wisely decided to send the proposal for expanding the Cannabis ordinances allowing for the development of commercial manufacturing and processing facilities back to the planning commission for further review. Clearly this action would have not been taken had it not been for what appears to be public outcry in opposition to these types of activities. I wrote letters to each of the supervisors expressing my strong opposition to any changes from what is currently permitted. My thoughts on the issue have not changed and I urge you to reconsider your recommendation to the Board of Supervisors allowing for commercial development of cannabis facilities.

Although we do not live in Trinity County we have been coming to the area for vacation and recreation beginning in 1974. Our family has enjoyed Weaverville, Lewiston, and Trinity Lake because of what the area has to offer. I cannot imagine any benefit to that experience by allowing commercial cannabis development to gain a foothold in the community. Our children, and now our grandchildren look forward to our family tradition of summers spent developing fond memories and making new friends. That is the reason we return year after year.

It is not a stretch to conclude that there is a fair amount of uncertainty of what could happen to this pristine area and the experiences that residents and visitors alike have come to cherish if this proposal were approved. Is it worth the risk to spoil what is so dear, to so many.... forever. I think not. The planning Commission, as well as the Supervisors, have the responsibility to do what is best for the greater good of all who live in and visit Trinity County. I trust that the Commission will do the right thing and revise their recommendations to the Board with regard to permitting any development of commercial cannabis manufacturing and/or processing facilities in Trinity County.

Respectfully,
Gene Dangel and Family
Walnut Creek, California
To whom it may concern,

I am so disheartened that Lewiston county would even consider legalizing cannabis manufacturing facilities. I understand it is the sign of the times, but it has a very dark side, that many will not debate or really even consider..... It's all about dollars, not about what is right!....

I live in Redding and travel up to your area many times a year to enjoy the quiet rural setting that your county represents. Camping, fishing and many outdoor adventures are in jeopardy in my opinion. The unsavory element that POT brings into a community is such a huge step in the wrong direction.

I will definitely change my thoughts of spending my dollars in your county if this becomes legal. I am so disappointed.

Respectfully,
Kris Brown
Redding, CA
Attn. Planning Commission

With reference to the above concern about the manufacture of Cannibis manufacturing in the North Trinity Area. The North Trinity Area is not conducive to a manufacturing and industrial type of venture. The North Trinity Area including Trinity Center and Coffee Creek is basically a residential and recreation community. Residents have enjoyed the peaceful way of life standards for many years. With the present growing of Cannibis and now the possibility of further expansion of micro manufacture of Cannibis in our area, only leads to lowering a standard of life for the majority of the law abiding and tax paying residents. There is a very strong concern about expanding this industry. Some long time residents are considering moving to get away from the deterioration of the area. Increasing the present production of Cannibis to micro manufacturing will have a enormous hardship on the Community. We are limited in police protection, due to the lack of law enforcement and with every volunteer fire department in Trinity County, they are in a very serious situation by not having volunteers to respond to medical and fire situations. Further development of Cannibis would only hinder our present concern for protection and standard way of life. Cannibis growing and manufacture has little or no value to the community, except for the income derived for the growers and the commerce that supplies the growers. The only value to the County is the revenue derived from the growers, but I understand the Board of Supervisors have not been successful in establishing taxation on the growers,. Adding additional production, with no assurance that the County will be able to collect any taxes, appears to be a a no win situation.

Barry Bowen
Planning Commission:

What part of opt out did I not understand? Please continue to protect the opt out areas. We do not want any cannabis businesses in these areas.

Sincerely,

Greg and Debbie Amoss
Amoss Companies Inc.
To: Trinity County Planning Commission

We reside in the Eagle Creek Loop area north of Coffee Creek, an opt-out zone. Now we are faced with this new dilemma. Of course we do not want to see any part of the manufacturing, distributing, selling, packaging, etc. in these opt-out areas. You can put the manufacturing and sales elsewhere.

Being an opt-out zone we oppose the growing of marijuana, wholesale or retail sales, distribution, or manufacturing marijuana products in any form.

Our residence on Eagle Creek Loop, next to an existing grow location, is 43 miles from Main Street Weaverville. Resources from State and County controls are slim to non existent presently. These new manufacturing proposals will require a great deal of monitoring and I feel the State and County resources are already spread too thin.

Please do not allow cannabis manufacturing in our opt-out areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Trinity County Planning Commission – for the May 24 meeting

Subject: Zoning allowances and exceptions to the proposed cannabis manufacturing ordinance

We are opposed to the expansion of cannabis activities within the opt-out zones in the north lake area, those being the Trinity Center Community Services District and the contiguous (and thus, obviously, with an allied community of interest) Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District.

The impetus behind bringing sufficient political pressure to bear to have these areas legally constituted as opt-out zones is obvious; we do not want the marijuana industry in any manner, shape or form in our communities. We acknowledge the legality of marijuana, but clearly public policy was not intended to dictate that it invade our neighborhoods, despite the avowed intentions and best efforts of some members of the marijuana industry. Thus the allowance for opt-out zones.

We are aware that within these opt-out zones there exist “grandfathered” grow operations. We continue to question and dispute the legitimacy of such operations as they appear to be nothing more than expedient legal loopholes to circumvent and defy the wishes of our communities. We will get back to these “grandfathered” growing operations further on.

From the overall general standpoint of being opt-out zones, it logically follows that since we oppose the growing of marijuana, we would and do also oppose any other marijuana commercialism, such as wholesale or retail sales, free distribution, manufacturing of consumable marijuana and marijuana products in any form including chemical conversions, processing, storage, shipping, etc. Opt-out should mean just that – opt-out in any and all forms.

Back to the issue of “grandfathered” grow operations. Given that we apparently have no choice in this matter, we strongly oppose any expansion of these operations beyond growing. Thus, we oppose any expansion such as we have exemplified in the above paragraph. Since these “grandfathered” grow operations are exceptions to the opt-out rules, they should be construed as narrowly as possible. In this instance, that would mean zero expansion. Trinity County is a large county, 3200+ square miles, and very sparsely populated with <14k residents. That means that there is more than sufficient space for any size marijuana industry in all of its various permutations without invading communities that have clearly and legally indicated our opposition.

We would also remind your commission of Trinity County Resolution 2016-077 – Adopting Four Principles on Local Regulation of Marijuana. The wisdom and foresight set forth in this unanimously adopted resolution should always be the public policy blueprint that guides your deliberations and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. That is the high road and we would commend it to you.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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Subject: opt out areas in Lewiston

No commercial grows, retail, manufacturing or any other type of cannabis activities should be allowed in any opt out areas. When a majority of the citizens in an area chose to opt out it should mean all activities. Personal grows for personal use will still be allowed by State law. I am a Lewiston resident.

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