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Cannabis Legalization Workshop in Rio Dell

Councilwoman Debra Garnes is spearheading a public workshop on the future of legalized cannabis in California and Rio Dell. During the workshop members of the Rio Dell City Council will hear about potential opportunities associated with current and future changes to the legal status of marijuana. Residents and neighbors are encouraged to hear from the experts on this evolving issue and pose questions.

Special guest speakers include:

- Joey Luiz, Board of Equalization
- Robert Christensen, Senator Mike McGuire's Office
- Paul Gallegos, former Humboldt County District Attorney
- Luke Bruner, California Cannabis Voice Humboldt
- Liesl Finkler, The Humboldt Cannabis Association
- John Ford, Ford Insurance

Commenting on her motivation to hold the cannabis workshop Councilwoman Garnes stated, "I am trying to make Rio Dell a part of the conversation on legalization. This community needs to be ahead of the curve." The workshop follows the September 11th enactment of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act that was authored by local State representatives Mike McGuire, Jim Wood and other state legislators. It is widely anticipated that the November 8, 2016 general election will include votes on the legalization of marijuana in California.

Location: **Monument Middle School Multi-Purpose Room**

95 Center Street, Rio Dell

Time: **Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 5:30pm**

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Rio Dell Councilwoman Debra Garnes