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PRESS RELEASE

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Rio Dell City Council Begins Deliberations on Medical Marijuana Ordinance Proposal

The Rio Dell City Council will commence deliberations on the proposed Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 10th beginning at 6:30pm. The Council is expected to begin deliberations by discussing CMMLUO's cultivation provisions, which also includes outdoor, indoor and other special techniques.

A full schedule of public hearings on the proposed ordinance has been scheduled through June 7th and is posted on the City's website.

The CMMLUO was forwarded to the City Council by the Planning Commission who recommended the comprehensive medical ordinance which was a result of a series of extensive public meetings held earlier this year.

"The hard work of the Planning Commission, led by Chair Nick Angeloff, has produced a cogent and thoughtful proposal for the Council's consideration." Stated Kyle Knopp, City Manager of Rio Dell. "We want to encourage the public to attend this series of meetings to voice their opinion and further refine this document for the betterment of the community."

The Hearing Schedule and the Draft Ordinance are available for public review at City Hall, 675 Wildwood Avenue between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday or online at www.riodellcity.com. Contact Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director with any questions at (707) 764-3532.

Attachment:

- Public Notice CMMLUO Hearing Schedule

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING & TENTATIVE HEARING SCHEDULE
City of Rio Dell City Council
Notice of Public Hearings



On **Tuesday May 10 at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Rio Dell City Council will hold **the first of a series of public hearings** in the City Council Chamber at City Hall to introduce **Ordinance No. 342-2016, Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO)**, Section 17.30.195 of Title 17 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to establish land use regulations concerning the commercial cultivation, processing, manufacturing and distribution of cannabis for medical use within the City of Rio Dell in order to limit and control such cultivation in coordination with the State of California in the implementation of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA)(SB 643, AB 266, and AB 243) approved by the Governor on October 9, 2015.

Tentative Schedule
Subject to Change

- At the **Special** meeting of **May 10, 2016** the City Council is scheduled to discuss **Cultivation** provisions, including Outdoor, Indoor and Mixed-Light.
- At the **Regular** meeting of **May 17, 2016** the City Council is scheduled to discuss **Manufacturing of concentrates, oils, salves, tinctures, capsules and medicinal edibles.**
- At the **Special** meeting of **May 24, 2016** the City Council is scheduled to hear a presentation and discuss **a Track and Trace Program and Local Taxing Options.**
- At the **Regular** meeting of **June 7, 2016** the City Council is scheduled to discuss **Testing Laboratories and Dispensaries and adopt Ordinance No. 342-2016.**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Based on the nature of the project including recommended zoning districts, currently allowed uses and the discretionary Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process, staff has determined that the project is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines this exemption is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a **significant** effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the project is not subject to CEQA. Staff believes there is no evidence to suggest that the amendments will have a **significant** effect on the environment.

Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to the project at the hearing. The City Council needs **10 copies** of any materials submitted either prior to, or at the meeting. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

General questions regarding the project, the planning process, submission of materials and information not specific to this project may be obtained by contacting Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director, 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, CA. 95562; telephone (707) 764-3532.



In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (707) 764-3532. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility.