



**Marijuana Work Group Meeting**

**Date: June 3, 2015**  
**Location: Legislative Building large conference room**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Minutes approved \_\_\_15**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Joel Clark, Catherine Scott, Jim Sesby, Brent Snow, Peggy Bill, Kyle Dodd, Jenny Rice (attending by telephone)

**Staff in Attendance:** CD&P Staff: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Gibboney

**Guests:** Jack Cory, Sandy Strehlou, Aarikka Tuss, Beth Kroft

Introduction	<p>The group worked to identify the core issue and the viewpoints and recommendations of different members of the group</p> <p>Sam Gibboney: We know the comments of the group are not going to be a consensus. We will report and try to use the breadth of what we have heard.</p>	
ISSUES	<p>Brent Snow - Scale relative to: permitting, lighting, Access and easements</p> <p>Peggy Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale: indoors, outdoor, Greenhouses, Temporary Growing Structures</li> <li>• Definitions - Concerns, especially with greenhouses</li> <li>• NON-ISSUES: Odor, lighting, or noise</li> </ul> <p>Jim Sesby - #1 issue is agriculture use vs. NIMBY- ism of neighbors. Differing views: NO regulations? What should regulations be?</p> <p>Peggy - Right to farm only applies to Rural Farm Forest and Agriculture resource lands.</p> <p>Jenny Rice - Can we grow other crops with Marijuana? Companion plantings can be good against insects, pests.</p> <p><u>Scale</u></p> <p>Acreage- less permissive on smaller properties</p> <p>Operations – use state tiers or not</p> <p>Do size constraints apply to processing? NO.</p> <p>Is Marijuana different than agricultural? The scale will be larger. Should marijuana growing and processing be treated the same as other agricultural activity?</p> <p><u>Setback – buildings</u> Setbacks should be consistent with Skagit regulations at 250 ft.</p>	
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use quantifiable amounts of odor, light, noise</li> <li>• Odor is dependent on personal preferences</li> <li>• Odor reduction will = noise increase, hard to mitigate both</li> <li>• Hard to quantify odor and noise. But is a real concern for some.</li> <li>• Use reasonable BMPS: Carbon filters would need regulations.</li> <li>• The county does have odor regulations on lumber mills, feed lots, fiberglass.</li> <li>• Catherine Scott - Odor control is important - see handout for recommendations</li> <li>• Potentially Add exemptions or scale to SJCC noise ordinance, which applies “at the boundary”.</li> </ul> <p><u>Lighting</u> is intensity higher?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. The length of time lighted is longer. But it is easy to mitigate with blackout cloths.</li> <li>• Security lights are unlikely to be intrusive. The security cameras are infrared.</li> </ul> <p><u>Access</u></p> <p>Traffic – again a scale issue. Agreed. Some workers carpool, should that affect parking requirements? Suggestion: put carpooling agreement in writing to ensure it will endure as traffic increase mitigation.</p>	
Adjourn	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.</p>	

