



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY for the
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT on the**

LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

DATE: May 3, 2024
TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals
FROM: Department of Cannabis Control

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2023080049) for the Proposed Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in Mendocino County is now available for review. The public is invited to comment on this document for a 45-day period extending from Friday, May 3 2024 to Monday, June 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) is the Lead Agency for the preparation and review of the DEIR for the Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in Mendocino County (project). The project will apply to unincorporated areas of the County outside of the coastal zone. The DCC currently issues commercial cannabis cultivation licenses under Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code and California Code of Regulations, title 4, Division 19.

All legal commercial cannabis activity must be conducted pursuant to state licensing requirements. As of April 2023, there are 623 provisionally licensed commercial cannabis cultivation sites, 23 of which have associated cannabis distribution transport-only operations, within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County (Figure 1) that may operate under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act while they actively and diligently pursue all requirements for annual licensure. The EIR will programmatically evaluate the impacts of the DCC's annual licensing of such provisionally licensed commercial cannabis operations in the County, as well as the environmental impacts of future licensed commercial cannabis operations.

The DCC has prepared a DEIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the environmental impacts of these proposed license actions. The DEIR analyzes impacts in the areas of Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Energy, Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration, Public Services and Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, Wildfire, Cumulative Impacts, and Other CEQA-Required Analysis. Significant impacts are identified in the following areas: odors, historic resources, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, construction vibration, wildfire, and cumulative effects.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines section 15087(c)(6), the lists specified under Government Code section 65962.5.5 related to hazardous waste conditions for known hazardous material and contamination sites in the unincorporated area of Mendocino County is disclosed in the DEIR.

The DEIR and all documents incorporated by reference are now available for public review at the following website: <https://cannabis.ca.gov/2023/07/mendocino-county-environmental-impact-report/>

Electronic copies of the document may be requested free of charge. Printed copies of the document may be requested for a fee to cover the cost of copying. Printed copies of the document are also available for public review at the public counter at the addresses provided below. Please contact Angela McIntire-Abbott (using the contact information provided below) for more information.

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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Department of Cannabis Control
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930 6th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Mendocino County
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You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 45-day public review period which begins Friday, May 3 2024 to Monday, June 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm. All comments on the DEIR must be received by the DCC by 5:00 pm on June 17, 2024 in order to be considered. Comments may be sent by postal service, electronic mail, or hand delivery. Pursuant to section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the DCC's discretion. Comments must be directed to:

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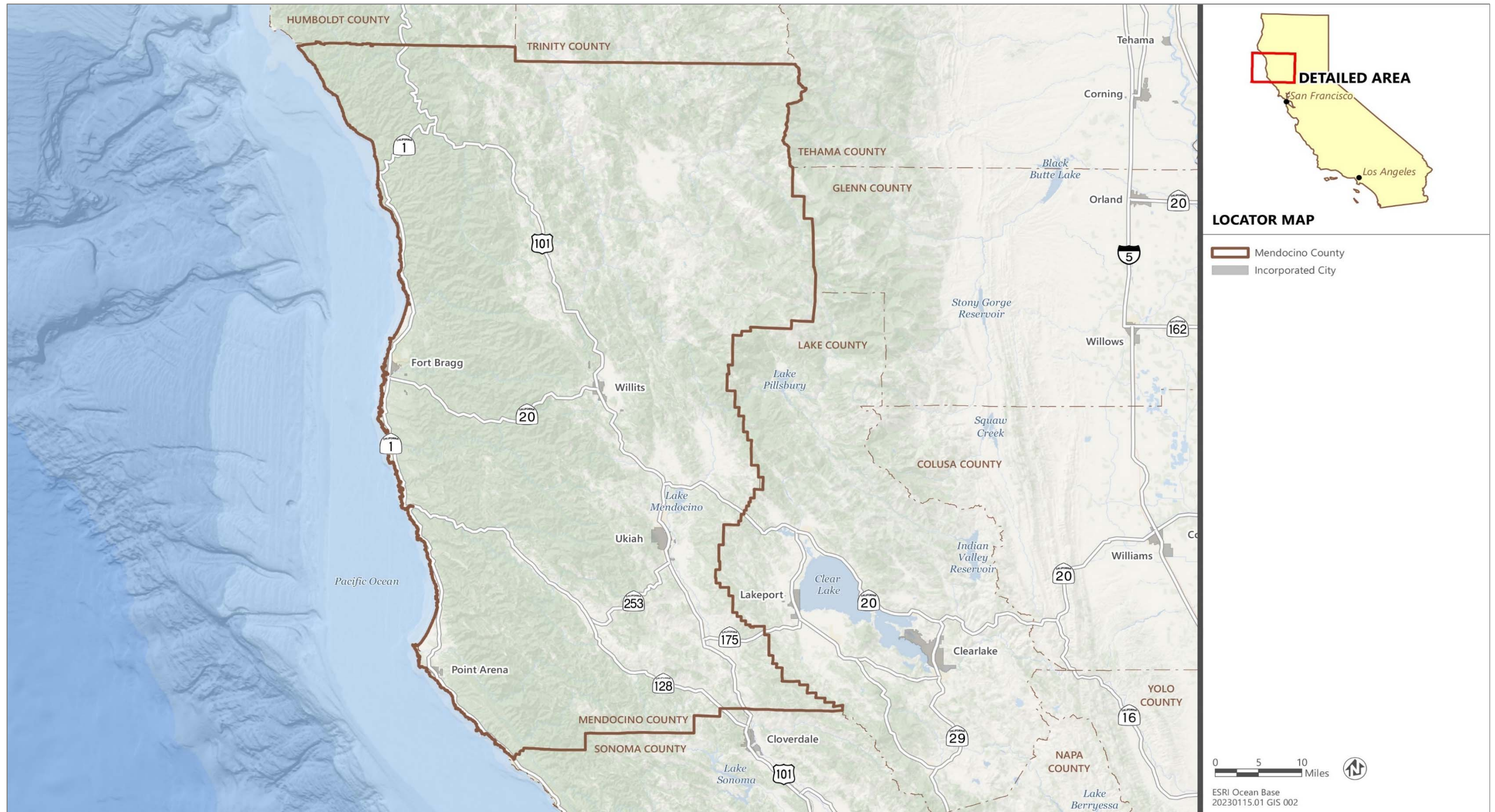
The DCC will hold a virtual public meeting to receive comments on the DEIR at the following date and time listed below:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Attendees may participate via WebEx online meeting platform or telephone conferencing. To participate via WebEx online meeting platform or telephone conferencing, please contact

Charisse Diaz at Charisse.Diaz@cannabis.ca.gov or (916) 465-9025 by 4:30 p.m. on June 3, 2024. Information regarding how to participate in the meeting will also be posted on DCC's website no later than 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting.

As a reasonable accommodation, limited in-person seating may be available at DCC's headquarters, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Please contact Charisse Diaz at Charisse.Diaz@cannabis.ca.gov or (916) 465-9025 by 4:30 p.m. on June 2, 2024, if an accommodation is necessary.



Source: Data received from Mendocino County in 2023; adapted by Ascent in 2023.

Figure 1. Mendocino County and Incorporated Cities