



**Department of
Cannabis Control**
CALIFORNIA

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August 4, 2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: BTC Ventures LLC DBA BTC Ventures - Case No. DCC24-0002549-INV
Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as Final Decision

Dear Messrs. Haap and Reed:

Pursuant to section 11415.60 of the Government Code, attached please find a copy of the Department of Cannabis Control's Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as the Final Decision in the above-referenced matter involving BTC Ventures.

The Department's Order and Final Decision will be effective on August 4, 2025. Pursuant to this Final Decision and its stipulated settlement, BTC Ventures, has waived any right to reconsideration or appeal in this matter and to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smurr
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

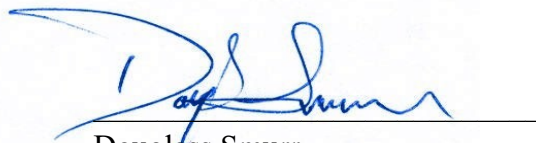
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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**
10 **OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:) CASE NO. DCC24-0002549-INV
12 BTC VENTURES LLC DBA BTC)
13 VENTURES; GREGORY HAAP AND) **ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED**
14 MARTIN REED, OWNERS) **SETTLEMENT AND ORDER AS FINAL**
15 7755 Arjons Drive) **DECISION**
16 San Diego, CA 92126)
17 Cannabis Manufacturer – Type 6 No.)
18 CDPH-10002648)
19 Respondent.)

20 Pursuant to Government Code section 11415.60, the Department of Cannabis Control
21 hereby adopts the attached Stipulated Settlement and Order as its Final Decision in this matter.

22 This Order and Final Decision shall become effective on August 4, 2025.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED, August 4, 2025.

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10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. DCC24-0002549-INV

12 **BTC VENTURES LLC DBA BTC**
13 **VENTURES; GREGORY HAAP AND**
MARTIN REED, OWNERS

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FOR
REVOCAION OF LICENSE AND
ORDER

14 **7755 Arjons Drive**
15 **San Diego, CA 92126**

16 **Cannabis Manufacturer – Type 6 No.**
17 **CDPH-10002648**

18 Respondent.
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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 **PARTIES**
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24 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) is the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division
25 of the Department of Cannabis Control (Department). She brought this action solely in her
26 official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of
27 California, by Michael Duong, Deputy Attorney General.

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2. Respondent BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures (Respondent) and owner Gregory Haap (Owner Haap) is not represented by counsel. Respondent is acting in this proceeding through Owner Haap who has been designated and authorized by BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures to enter into this agreement on behalf of Respondent.

3. On or about April 22, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis Manufacturer Type 6 License No. CDPH-10002648¹ to Respondent. The Cannabis Manufacturer Type 6 license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV, and which expired on April 22, 2025, and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV was filed before the Department and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 28, 2025. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent and its current owners of record and members have carefully read and fully and fully understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV. Respondent and Owner Haap have also carefully read and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order.

6. Respondent and its current owners of record and members are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to be represented by counsel at their own expenses; the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision;

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¹ Pursuant to the Department’s website, effective May 12, 2025, active manufacturing licenses beginning with “CDPH” will be relabeled with the prefix “DCC”. All further references to Respondent’s Cannabis Type 6 Manufacturer License, shall be as follows, “DCC-10002648.”

1 and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable
2 laws.

3 7. Respondent and its current owners of record and members are fully aware of the legal
4 rights to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.
5 Respondent agrees to receive a copy of the Decision and Order in this matter via email at the
6 following email address: haapnet@gmail.com

7 8. Respondent and its current owners of record and members voluntarily, knowingly,
8 and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

9 **CULPABILITY**

10 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
11 No. DCC24-0002549-INV.

12 10. Respondent agrees that Cannabis - Manufacturer Type 6 License No. DCC-10002648
13 is subject to revocation and agree to be bound by the Department's imposition of discipline as set
14 forth in the Order below.

15 **CONTINGENCY**

16 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Department. Respondent
17 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Department may
18 communicate directly with the Department regarding this stipulation and settlement, without
19 notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and
20 agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time
21 the Department considers and acts upon it. If the Department fails to adopt this stipulation as its
22 Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order shall be of no
23 force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the
24 parties, and the Department shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this
25 matter.

26 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
27 copies of this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order, including PDF and
28 facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. This Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which taken together form one single document.

14. This Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Department may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

1. **WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL.** Respondent's appeal of Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV and request for administrative hearing is deemed withdrawn and any further appeal is waived.

2. **LICENSE REVOCATION.** Respondent's Cannabis Manufacturer License No. DCC-10002648 is revoked as of the effective date of the Decision and Order. The revocation of Respondent's Cannabis Manufacturer License shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Department. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Cannabis Manufacturer in California as of the effective date of the Department's Decision and Order.

2. **REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE.** If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Department shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations, and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and

allegations contained in Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Department determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Cannabis Manufacturer Type 6 – License DCC-10002648. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 7/30/25


BTC VENTURES LLC DBA BTC VENTURES;
GREGORY HAAP, OWNER
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 7/30/2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. DCC24-0002549-INV

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12 **BTC VENTURES LLC**
13 **dba BTC VENTURES; MARTIN REED**
AND GREGORY HAAP, OWNERS
14 **7755 Arjons Drive**
San Diego, CA 92126

ACCUSATION

15 **Cannabis - Manufacturer Type 6 License**
16 **No. CDPH-10002648**

17 Respondent.
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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
21 as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control
22 (Department).

23 2. On or about April 22, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis - Manufacturer Type 6
24 License Number CDPH-10002648 to BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures (Respondent), with
25 Martin Reed and Gregory Haap as Owners (Owners). The Cannabis - Manufacturer Type 6
26 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired
27 on April 22, 2025.

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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the Department, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 26010 of the Code states:

There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the department.

5. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division.

6. Section 26011.5 of the Code states:

The protection of the public shall be the highest priority for all licensing authorities in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under this division. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

7. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew, discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity.

8. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code....

9. Section 26015, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

The department may make or cause to be made such investigation as it deems necessary to carry out its duties under this division.

10. Section 26031 of the Code states, in part:

(a) The department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and conditions, or otherwise discipline licenses issued by the department and fine a licensee, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, except as provided in Section 26031.01, if the licensee is found to have committed any of the acts or omissions constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The disciplinary proceedings under this

chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the director shall have all the powers granted therein.

...

(c) The department may take disciplinary action against a licensee for any violation of this division when the violation was committed by the licensee's officers, directors, owners, agents, or employees while acting on behalf of the licensee or engaged in commercial cannabis activity

...

(d) The suspension or expiration of a license issued by the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the department or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the department, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the department of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

11. Section 26034 of the Code states:

All accusations against licensees shall be filed by the department within five years after the performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for disciplinary action; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a ground for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in that case shall not be deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the department, of the facts constituting the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in that case, the accusation shall be filed within five years after that discovery.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

12. Section 26030 of the Code states:

Grounds for disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this division or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this division.

...

(c) Any other grounds contained in regulations adopted by a licensing authority pursuant to this division.

...

(f) Failure to comply with the requirement of a local ordinance regulating commercial cannabis activity....

1 13. Section 26055 of the Code states:

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3 (g)(1) The department shall deny an application for a license under this division
4 for a commercial cannabis activity that the local jurisdiction has notified the
5 department is prohibited in accordance with subdivision (f). The department shall
6 notify the contact person for the local jurisdiction of each application denied due to
7 the local jurisdiction's indication that the commercial cannabis activity for which a
8 license is sought is prohibited by a local ordinance or regulation.

9 (2) Prior to issuing a state license under this division for any commercial
10 cannabis activity, if an applicant has not provided adequate proof of compliance with
11 local laws pursuant to subdivision (e):

12 ...

13 (E) At any time after expiration of the 60-business-day period set forth in
14 subparagraph (D), the local jurisdiction may provide written notification to the
15 department that the applicant or licensee is not in compliance with a local ordinance
16 or regulation adopted in accordance with Section 26200. Upon receiving this
17 notification, the department shall not presume that the applicant or licensee has
18 complied with all local ordinances and regulations adopted in accordance with
19 Section 26200, and may commence disciplinary action in accordance with Chapter 3
20 (commencing with Section 26030). If the department does not take action against the
21 licensee before the time of the renewal of the license, the license shall not be renewed
22 until and unless the local jurisdiction notifies the department that the licensee is once
23 again in compliance with local ordinances.

24 14. Section 26200 of the Code states in part:

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26 (c) A local jurisdiction shall notify the department upon revocation of any local
27 license, permit, or authorization for a license to engage in commercial cannabis activity
28 within the local jurisdiction. Within 60 days of being so informed, the department shall
begin the process to determine whether a license issued to the licensee should be
suspended or revoked pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 26030).

29 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

30 15. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15007, subdivision (a), states:

31 (a) If the commercial cannabis business is not the landowner of the real
32 property upon which the premises is located, the commercial cannabis business shall
33 provide to the Department a document from the landowner or the landowner's agent
34 that states that the commercial cannabis business has the right to occupy the property
35 and acknowledges that the commercial cannabis business may use the property for the
36 commercial cannabis activity for which the commercial cannabis business is applying
37 for licensure. An applicant shall also provide a copy of the rental agreement, as
38 applicable.

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COST RECOVERY

16. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon request, may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

(b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

(c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The department may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).

(d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

(e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the unpaid costs.

(g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

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1 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 17. On or about September 5, 2018, the City of San Diego (City) granted Conditional Use
3 Permit (Permit) Number 2058967 to Gregory Haap and the owners of real property located at
4 7755 Arjons Drive, San Diego, CA 92126 (licensed premises), authorizing commercial cannabis
5 manufacturing activities at the property. The Permit expired on September 20, 2023.

6 18. On June 11, 2024, the Department received notification from the City that
7 Respondent was operating at the licensed premises without a valid City Permit, and that eviction
8 proceedings for the licensed premises were pending against Respondent.

9 19. On September 12, 2024, a representative of the City contacted the Department and
10 advised that Respondent was evicted from its licensed premises and cannabis product was found
11 inside.

12 20. On October 3, 2024, the Department emailed Respondent advising that it had
13 information regarding Respondent's loss of local authorization and eviction from the licensed
14 premises. In its email, the Department offered to assist Respondent with surrender of its
15 Cannabis Manufacturer Type-6 License and requested a response from Respondent regarding its
16 future intentions with its license. To date, Respondent has not replied to the Department's
17 inquiries.

18 21. On December 11, 2024, the Department received signed judgments ordering
19 Respondent to vacate the licensed premises and return possession to its owners.

20 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 (Non-Compliance with Local Jurisdiction Requirements)

22 22. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030, subdivision
23 (f), and 26055, subdivision (g)(2)(E), in that it failed to comply with local jurisdiction
24 requirements, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 17 through 21, above, which are hereby
25 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

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1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Failure to Adhere to Premises Requirements)

3 23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030, subdivisions
4 (a) and (c), in that it failed to comply with Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section
5 15007, subdivision (a), requiring a licensee to provide written approval from the landowner or its
6 agent to occupy and use the property for the commercial cannabis activity for which it is licensed
7 to conduct, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 16 through 20, above, which are hereby
8 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

9 **PRAYER**

10 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
11 and that the following the hearing, the Director of the Department issue a decision:

12 1. Revoking or fining, or any combination thereof, the Cannabis - Manufacturer Type 6
13 License Number CDPH-10002648, issued to Respondent BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures;

14 2. Ordering Respondent BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures with Martin Reed and
15 Gregory Haap as Owners to pay the Department the reasonable costs of the investigation and
16 enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1;

17 3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis goods in the possession of
18 Respondent BTC Ventures LLC dba BTC Ventures, at Respondent's expense, if revocation of
19 Cannabis – Manufacturer Type 6 License Number CDPH-10002648 is ordered, pursuant to
20 California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1, subdivision (a); and

21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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23 DATED: May 20, 2025

24 *Evelyn Schaeffer*
25 EVELYN SCHAEFFER
26 Deputy Director, Compliance Division
27 Department of Cannabis Control
28 State of California
Complainant

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PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Name: In the Matter of the Accusation Against: BTC Ventures LLC DBA BTC Ventures
DCC Case No. DCC24-0002549-INV
License Number: DCC-10002648, Cannabis Manufacturer Type 6

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On August 4, 2025, I served the within documents:

ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND ORDER AS FINAL DECISION

- ☒ VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the person(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
- ☐ VIA CERTIFIED MAIL by placing the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service to the individual(s) or entity(ies) listed below.
- ☐ Service via certified mail to be completed upon the following business day.

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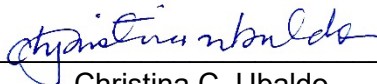
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I am familiar with the Department's business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service. In accordance with those practices, correspondence placed in the Department's internal mail collection system is, in the ordinary course of business, deposited in the United States Postal Service, with postage paid, on the same day.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on August 4, 2025, at Rancho Cordova, California.


Christina C. Ubaldo