



Department of
Cannabis Control
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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. - Case No. DCC25-0000376-INV
Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as Final Decision

Dear Messrs. Tanzer and Finkle:

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 Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc.

The Department's Order and Final Decision will be effective today, November 14, 2025. Pursuant to this Final Decision and its stipulated settlement, Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. 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 Accusation Against:) CASE NO. DCC25-0000376-INV
12)
12 **COASTAL REFINEMENT SOLUTIONS,**)
13 **INC.; MICHAEL TANZER, OWNER**) **ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED**
14) **SETTLEMENT AND ORDER AS FINAL**
14 **1636 Del Monte Boulevard**) **DECISION**
15 **Seaside, CA 93955**)
15 **Cannabis Distributor License**)
16 **No. C11-0000822-LIC**)
17 **Cannabis Manufacturer-Type 7 License**)
18 **No. DCC-10003645**)
18)
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 November 14, 2025.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED, November 14, 2025.

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27 Assistant General Counsel
28 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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9 **BEFORE THE**
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11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. DCC25-0000376-INV

13 **COASTAL REFINEMENT SOLUTIONS,**
14 **INC.; MICHAEL TANZER, OWNER**
15 **1636 Del Monte Boulevard**
16 **Seaside, CA 93955**

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FOR
REVOCATION OF LICENSES AND
ORDER**

17 **Cannabis Distributor License**
18 **No. C11-0000822-LIC**

19 **Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License**
20 **No. DCC-10003645**

21 Respondent.

22 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
23 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

24 **PARTIES**

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

2. Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. (Respondent) with Michael Tanzer, Owner (Owner Tanzer) are represented in this proceeding by attorney Robert Finkle, whose address is 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road #360, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Respondent is acting in this proceeding through Owner Tanzer, who has been designated and authorized by Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. to enter into this agreement on behalf of Respondent.

3. On or about July 16, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0000822-LIC to Respondent with Michael Tanzer, Owner. The Cannabis Distributor License expired on July 15, 2025, and has not been renewed.

4. On or about July 8, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License No. DCC-10003645 to Respondent with Michael Tanzer, Owner. The Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License expired on July 8, 2025, and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. DCC25-0000376-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 2, 2025. Respondent timely filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

6. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. DCC25-0000376-INV is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

7. Respondent and its current owners of record and members have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. DCC25-0000376-INV. Respondent, its owners, members, and Owner Tanzer have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and Order.

8. Respondent and its current owners of record and members are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including 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

1 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and
2 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
3 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

4 9. Respondent and its current owners of record and members are fully aware of the legal
5 right to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

6 Respondent and its current owners of record and members agree to receive a copy of the Decision
7 and Order in this matter via email at the following email address(es):

8 robert@armadalawyers.com.

9 10. Respondent and its current owners of record and members voluntarily, knowingly,
10 and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

11 **CULPABILITY**

12 11. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in the Accusation
13 Case No. DCC25-0000376-INV, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for discipline upon
14 Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7
15 License No. DCC-10003645.

16 12. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
17 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
18 basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up its right to contest
19 those findings.

20 13. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation, Respondent enables the
21 Department to issue a Decision and Order revoking Respondent's Cannabis Distributor License
22 No. C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License No. DCC-10003645,
23 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

24 **CONTINGENCY**

25 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Department. Respondent
26 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Department may
27 communicate directly with the Department regarding this stipulation and settlement, without
28 notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent

1 understands and agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation
2 prior to the time the Department considers and acts upon it. If the Department fails to adopt this
3 stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and
4 Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal
5 action between the parties, and the Department shall not be disqualified from further action by
6 having considered this matter.

7 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
8 copies of this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and Order, including PDF and
9 facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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

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

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

23 **ORDER**

24 1. **WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL.** Respondent's appeal of Accusation
25 No. DCC25-0000376-INV and request for administrative hearing is deemed withdrawn and any
26 further appeal is waived.

27 2. **LICENSES REVOCATION.** Respondent's Cannabis Distributor License
28 No. C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License No. DCC-10003645 are

1 revoked as of the effective date of the Decision and Order. The revocations of Respondent's
2 Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7
3 License No. DCC-10003645 shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.
4 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's
5 license history with the Department. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as both a
6 licensed Cannabis Distributor and a licensed Cannabis Manufacturer in California as of the
7 effective date of the Decision and Order.

8 3. **PAYMENT OF FINES.** Respondent or Owner Tanzer shall be responsible for
9 payment to the Department of an administrative fine in the amount of twenty thousand dollars
10 (\$20,000.00) as against Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis
11 Manufacturer - Type 7 License No. DCC-10003645. Payment of the administrative fine will be
12 automatically suspended until such time as Respondent or Owner Tanzer applies for
13 reinstatement of its licenses or applies for a new commercial cannabis license or ownership
14 interest in a commercial cannabis license with the Department. Respondent or Owner Tanzer
15 shall pay to the Department the administrative fine within (15) days of applying for a new
16 commercial cannabis license or ownership interest in a commercial cannabis license with the
17 Department.

18 4. **PAYMENT OF COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT.** If Respondent or Owner Tanzer
19 applies for reinstatement of its licenses or applies for a new commercial cannabis license or
20 ownership interest in any new or existing commercial cannabis license, Respondent or Owner
21 Tanzer shall pay the Department's costs of enforcement for Case No. DCC25-0000376-INV, in
22 the amount of \$14,340.42, prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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5. The above referenced payments, in the form of cashier's check, money order, personal or business check, shall be made as two separate payments and remitted by either of the following methods: (1) the Department of Cannabis Control's cash payment procedures; or (2) mailed to:

By U.S. Postal Service:
Department of Cannabis Control
Attn: Cashiers
P.O. Box 419106
Ranch Cordova, CA 95741-9106

By FedEx or UPS:
Department of Cannabis Control
Attn: Cashiers
2920 Kilgore Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6157

6. Failure to complete the payments or comply with the above terms of this Order shall result in the denial of ownership interest and/or denial of any other license sought, as the Department deems appropriate. Failure to complete the payments or comply with the terms of this Order shall also result in enforcement of the Order in the Superior Court.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney Robert Finkle. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Cannabis Distributor and Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 Licenses. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 11/10/2025

COASTAL REFINEMENT SOLUTIONS,
INC.; MICHAEL TANZER, OWNER
Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. with
2 Michael Tanzer, Owner, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated
3 Settlement for Revocation of Licenses and Order. I approve its form and content.

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5 DATED: 11/12/2025

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7 ROBERT FINKLE
8 *Attorney for Respondent*

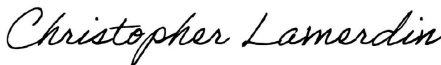
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10 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

13 DATED: 11/4/25

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 ROB BONTA
16 Attorney General of California
17 GREGORY M. CRIBBS
18 Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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21 Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. DCC25-0000376-INV

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ACCUSATION

15 **Cannabis Distributor License**
16 **No. C11-0000822-LIC**

17 **Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License**
18 **No. CDPH-10003645**

Respondent.

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20 **PARTIES**

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

24 2. On or about July 16, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis Distributor License
25 No. C11-0000822-LIC to Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc.; with Michael Tanzer, Owner. The
26 Cannabis Distributor License will expire on July 15, 2025, unless renewed.

27 3. On or about July 8, 2019, the Department issued Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7
28 License CDPH-10003645 to Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. (Respondent); with Michael

1 Tanzer, Owner (Owner Tanzer). The Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License will expire on
2 July 8, 2025, unless renewed.

3 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

4 4. The Department issued an Emergency Decision and Order (EDO), pursuant to
5 California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815 that was served on Respondent on April 23,
6 2025, and was effective the same day at 5:00 p.m. The EDO suspended Respondent's licenses
7 and ordered Respondent to cease all commercial cannabis activity. The time to initiate
8 adjudicative proceedings is within 10 days after the issuance or effective date of the EDO, or in
9 this case by or on May 3, 2025.

10 **JURISDICTION**

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

14 6. Section 26010 of the Code states:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as
26 may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division
27 in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
28 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Those rules and regulations shall be
consistent with the purposes and intent of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of
Marijuana Act.

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.

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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 the department pursuant to this division.

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13. Section 26070 of the Code states, in part:

...

(c) The driver of a vehicle transporting or transferring cannabis or cannabis products shall be directly employed by a licensee authorized to transport or transfer cannabis or cannabis products.

...

1 (i) Transporting, or arranging for or facilitating the transport of, cannabis or cannabis
2 products in violation of this chapter is grounds for disciplinary action against the license.

3 14. Section 26110 of the Code states, in part:

4 . . .

5 (g) After testing, all cannabis and cannabis products fit for sale may be transported
6 only from the distributor's premises to the premises of another licensed distributor for
further distribution, or to a licensed retailer, microbusiness, or nonprofit for retail sale.

7 . . .

8 15. Section 26160 of the Code states, in part:

9 . . .

10 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or interferes
11 with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this section, has
engaged in a violation of this division.

12 . . .

13 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

14 16. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.3, states in part:

15 . . .

16 (d) Licensees shall ensure that the Department has immediate access to their licensed
17 premises. If the Department is denied access to a licensee's premises for any reason,
the licensee shall be held responsible and subject to discipline. If the Department is
18 denied access to one licensee's premises because of another licensee's refusal to grant
access when the only access to one licensed premises is through another licensed
19 premises, all licensees shall be held responsible and subject to discipline.

20 17. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15024.1, states in part:

21 In the event a license is terminated for any reason while cannabis or cannabis products
22 remain on the premises, the following actions may be taken:

23 (a) The cannabis or cannabis products may be destroyed by the former licensee. . .

24 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15044, states in part:

25 . . .

26 (i) Surveillance recordings are subject to inspection by the Department and shall be
kept in a manner that allows the Department to view and obtain copies of the recordings at
27 the licensed premises immediately upon request. The licensee shall also send or otherwise
provide copies of the recordings to the Department upon request within the time specified
28 by the Department.

1 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15306, states in part:

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3 (c) When a batch passes regulatory compliance testing, the cannabis or cannabis
4 products may be transported to one or more licensed retailers, licensed distributors, or
5 licensed microbusinesses authorized to conduct distribution or retail. A copy of the
6 certificate of analysis for regulatory compliance testing shall be provided to all licensed
7 distributors receiving the batch for purposes of quality assurance review under section
8 15307. A copy of the certificate of analysis shall also be provided to the licensee who
9 produced the batch. The copies of the certificate of analysis required by this subsection
10 may be provided electronically.

11 ...

12 20. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15311, states in part:

13 The following requirements apply when transporting cannabis and cannabis products
14 between licensees or licensed premises:

15 (a) Transportation shall only be conducted by persons holding a distributor
16 license under the Act, or employees of those persons. All vehicles and trailers used
17 for transportation shall be owned or leased, in accordance with the Vehicle Code, by
18 the licensee. The licensee is not required to be the sole owner or lessor of the vehicle
19 or trailer and all owners and lessors may use the vehicle for non-commercial cannabis
20 activity.

21 ...

22 21. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15312 states:

23 (a) Upon request, the licensed distributor shall provide the Department with a copy of
24 the certificate of ownership or registration card issued by the California Department of
25 Motor Vehicles, the year, make, model, license plate number, and Vehicle Identification
26 Number in writing, and proof of insurance for any vehicle or trailer used to transport
27 cannabis or cannabis products.

28 22. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17218, states:

...

(e) The licensed manufacturer shall maintain sales invoices and receipts for all
batches of cannabis and cannabis products received at and transferred from its licensed
premises. The licensed manufacturer shall prepare a sales invoice or receipt that meets
the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 26161 prior to each sale or
transport of cannabis products from the premises.

23. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800, states:

(a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of
inspection, investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

(1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

1 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or
2 used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting
commercial cannabis activity.

3 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products possessed
4 by, in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose
of conducting commercial cannabis activity.

5 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and
6 employees.

7 (b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation
8 pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline.
9 This subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege
10 guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any
11 other constitutional or statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to
12 require a licensee to cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive
any constitutional or statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or
other matters within an unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of
the licensee's business. Any constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the
licensee shall not be used against the licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary
proceeding against the licensee.

13 . . .

14 **COST RECOVERY**

15 24. Section 26031.1 of the Code states:

16 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a
17 disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon
18 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.

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

23 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount
24 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
25 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
26 law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant
to subdivision (a).

27 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as
28 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.

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

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

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

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

14 (h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the
15 recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated
16 settlement that a licensing authority may recover the costs of investigation and
17 enforcement of a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Section 125.3 of this code.

18 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

19 25. On or about January 9, 2025, Department Special Investigator (SI) Rene Pena-
20 Mancinas (Pena-Mancinas) conducted a review of Respondent's California Cannabis Track-and-
21 Trace (CCTT) accounts for Cannabis Distributor License Number C11-0000822-LIC
22 (Distribution License) and Cannabis Manufacturer License Number CDPH-10003645
23 (Manufacturer License). The review indicated that Respondent's Distribution License had an
24 influx in cannabis inventory packages that were received in December 2024. No equivalent
25 cannabis inventory packages were transferred out of Respondent's premises during the same time
26 period.

27 26. On or about January 16, 2025, SI Pena-Mancinas again reviewed Respondent's
28 CCTT accounts. The Distribution License account indicated that on December 20, 2024, there
were thirteen (13) active packages in Respondent's inventory. Between on or about December
20, 2024, through January 16, 2025, Respondent's CCTT Distribution License account showed
commercial cannabis activity, including accepting approximately 863 cannabis packages into its
inventory. The inventory consisted of: Cannabis Vape Cartridges 3,370 units; Cannabis Pre-Rolls
2,065 units; Cannabis Edibles 720 units; Cannabis Extracts 557 units; Packaged Cannabis Flower

1 4,165 units; Bulk Cannabis Flower and Leaf 4,409.99 lbs.

2 27. Respondent's Manufacturer License account showed that on December 20,
3 2024, there were forty-five (45) active packages in its inventory. Between on or about December
4 20, 2024, through January 16, 2025, Respondent's CCTT Manufacturer License account showed
5 no commercial cannabis activity and continued to show forty-five (45) active packages in its
6 inventory, with the most recent cannabis packages accepted on December 13, 2024. The
7 inventory consisted of: Cannabis Extract 32.40 lbs; Cannabis Flower 2,128.5g; and Fresh
8 Cannabis Plant 2,463 lbs.

9 28. On January 16, 2025, Supervising Special Investigator I (SSI) Nephtali Lopez, and
10 SIs Pena-Mancinas, Jorge Avila (Avila), Ruby Ocegueda (Ocegueda), and Lindsay Kearns, went
11 to Respondent's licensed distribution and manufacturer premises, both located at 1636 Del Monte
12 Blvd, Seaside, CA 93955 (licensed premises), to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection.
13 The licensed premises was locked, and no one answered the door, neither was there an indication
14 that anyone was present in the licensed premises. SI Pena-Mancinas called the phone numbers
15 associated with Respondent's licenses and Owner Tanzer, but did not reach him.
16 SI Pena-Mancinas also sent an email to Owner Tanzer notifying him that the Department was at
17 the licensed premises to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection and asked that he respond to
18 the email.

19 29. On January 16, 2025, Owner Tanzer contacted SI Pena-Mancinas and informed him
20 that he was sick with the flu and that there was no one who could currently provide access to the
21 licensed premises to the Department. Owner Tanzer also indicated that there were a "few"
22 cannabis products at the licensed premises, but he was unsure whether there had been any recent
23 transfers because he had not been at the licensed premises "for a few weeks." Owner Tanzer
24 further stated that he would let SI Pena-Mancinas know when he felt better and could be present
25 at the licensed premises for the Department to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection.

26 30. On January 21, 2025, SI Pena-Mancinas emailed Owner Tanzer and requested
27 records related to the operation of the licensed premises. The request was for records and
28 information related to Respondent's video surveillance system, sale invoices and receipts,

1 employment records, and vehicles used for cannabis transportation. SI Pena-Mancinas asked that
2 Owner Tanzer acknowledge receipt of the email and provide the requested records and
3 information by January 23, 2025. Owner Tanzer failed to confirm receipt of the email, and did
4 not provide the requested records to the Department.

5 31. On January 23, 2025, SI Pena-Mancinas reviewed Respondent's Distribution License
6 CCTT account and noted that the inventory had decreased from the prior day, from 951 active
7 packages to 248 active packages, or a total of 703 packages transferred. Further review showed
8 that that the 703 packages were listed on two shipping manifests and had been transferred from
9 Respondent's Distribution License to Respondent's Manufacturer License. The transfers
10 included cannabis products that had passed regulatory compliance testing.

11 32. In addition, the Distribution License created a transfer on January 21, 2025,
12 consisting of 248 cannabis packages. The packages listed on the shipping manifest identified
13 sixty-nine (69) packages of cannabis product that had not been submitted for laboratory testing.

14 33. A review of Respondent's Manufacturer License CCTT account showed a decrease in
15 inventory on January 22, 2025, from 748 active packages to forty-six (46) active packages in
16 inventory. Included in the transfer were fifteen (15) cannabis packages, consisting of 2,463
17 pounds of fresh cannabis plants.

18 34. On or about February 26, 2025, at approximately 8:00 a.m., SI Pena-Mancinas
19 informed Owner Tanzer via voicemail, text message, and email that the Department planned to
20 conduct a regulatory compliance inspection later that morning and requested that Owner Tanzer
21 provide the Department access to the licensed premises. Owner Tanzer did not respond to SI
22 Pena-Mancinas.

23 35. At approximately 9:00 a.m., SIs Pena-Mancinas, Avila, and Ocegueda, arrived at the
24 licensed premises to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection, but no one was present to give
25 them access. SI Pena-Mancinas called Owner Tanzer and left a voicemail message. At
26 approximately 10:26 a.m., SI Pena-Mancinas again called Owner Tanzer and left another
27 voicemail message regarding the Department conducting a regulatory compliance inspection. At
28 approximately 12:00 p.m., SIs Pena-Mancinas, Avila, and Ocegueda, returned to the licensed

1 premises and observed a white van parked inside the secured gated parking area. No one
2 answered the door to the licensed premises.

3 36. On March 28, 2025, SI Pena-Mancinas reviewed Transporter Shipper and Manifest
4 details for Respondent's Distribution License and Manufacturer License, where Respondent's
5 Distribution License was listed as the manifest transporter. The information showed that from
6 February 26, 2025, through March 27, 2025, 289 manifests listed 153 different transport drivers,
7 and 142 different vehicles used for the transport of cannabis or cannabis products. Respondent
8 had not disclosed 153 transport employees or 142 transport vehicles to the Department.

9 37. On April 17, 2025, SI Pena-Mancinas reviewed the CCTT accounts for Respondent's
10 Distribution License and Manufacturer License and observed that there had been frequent and
11 daily commercial cannabis activity occurring, as recently as April 16, 2025. To date, Owner
12 Tanzer has not responded to the Department's request to access the licensed premises and neither
13 have the requested documents and information been provided.

14 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 (Access to Licensed Premises)

16 38. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030, subdivisions
17 (a) and (c), and 26160, subdivision (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections
18 15000.3, subdivision (d), and 17800, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to ensure that the
19 Department had immediate access to the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in
20 paragraphs 25 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if
21 fully set forth herein.

22 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 (Cooperate and Participate in Investigation)

24 39. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,
25 subdivisions (a) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17800, subdivision
26 (b), in that Respondent failed to cooperate with and participate in an investigation by the
27 Department as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, which are hereby
28 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Records for Review)

3 40. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,
4 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26160, subdivision (e), and California Code of Regulations, title 4,
5 sections 15044, subdivision (i), 15312, subdivision (a), and 17218, subdivision (e), in that
6 Respondent failed to provide the Department with records and video surveillance footage as more
7 particularly alleged in paragraphs 26 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by
8 reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

9 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Transportation Vehicles)

11 41. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,
12 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26070, subdivisions (c) and (i), and California Code of Regulations,
13 title 4, section 15311, subdivision (a), in that Respondent utilized 153 separate transport drivers
14 and 143 different vehicles for cannabis transportation, as more particularly alleged in paragraph
15 36, above, which is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

16 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 (Transportation of Cannabis Goods)

18 42. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,
19 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26110, subdivision (g), and California Code of Regulations, title 4,
20 section 15306, subdivision (c), in that Respondent transported cannabis goods that had been
21 submitted for and passed regulatory compliance testing, as more particularly alleged in
22 paragraphs 26 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if
23 fully set forth herein.

24 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 (Receipt of Goods)

26 43. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 26030,
27 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26110, subdivision (g), in that Respondent received in its cannabis
28 goods that had been packaged and submitted for and passed regulatory compliance testing, as

more particularly alleged in paragraphs 26 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending outright or suspending with terms and conditions or fining or any combination thereof, the Cannabis Distributor License Number C11-0000822-LIC, issued to Respondent Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. with Michael Tanzer, Owner;

2. Revoking or suspending outright or suspending with terms and conditions or fining or any combination thereof, the Cannabis Manufacturer - Type 7 License Number CDPH-10003645, issued to Respondent Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. with Michael Tanzer, Owner;

3. Ordering Respondent Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. with Michael Tanzer, Owner to pay the Department of Cannabis Control the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1;

4. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis goods in the possession of Respondent Coastal Refinement Solutions, Inc. with Michael Tanzer, Owner, at Respondent's expense if revocation of Cannabis Distributor License Number C11-0000822-LIC and Cannabis Manufacturer – Type 7 License Number CDPH-10003645, is ordered, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1, subdivision (a); and

5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 1, 2025



EVELYN SCHAEFFER
Deputy Director of the Compliance
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Complainant

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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DCC Case No. DCC25-0000376-INV

License Number: C11-0000822-LIC, Commercial-Distributor; DCC-10003645, Manufacturer-Type 7

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 November 14, 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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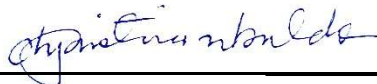
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on November 14, 2025, at Rancho Cordova, California.


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