



## Petition Self Assessment Guide

A petition must satisfy the following requirements for approval. Any question below that is answered “no” during the review, will result in a request of additional information to the petitioner. Relevant regulation sections from Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 3, Div. 8, Ch. 2. are cited in parenthesis after each subsection title.

### **A. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Petitioner information [§ 9102(a)]
  - a. Is the information for the primary contact, and alternate if provided, valid?
2. Petitioning organization [§ 9102 (b)]
  - a. Are the petitioner and petitioning members active DCC licensees cultivating in the proposed appellation area?
3. General Description [§ 9102(c)]
  - a. Is the General description of the area adequate?
4. Legacy, history, reputation, and economic importance [§ 9102(h)]
  - a. Is the information provided on legacy, history, reputation, and economic importance of cannabis production adequate, and some evidence provided?
5. Evidence of Name Use (§ 9104)
  - a. Does the narrative thoroughly explain how the name has been used for the area and include evidence?
  - b. Is the evidence provided for the proposed name cross referenced in the petition, from an independent source, and shows direct association between the name and the area?
6. Maps and Boundary Description (§ 9105)
  - a. Are the maps provided appropriate scale for the petition?
  - b. Is the boundary description adequate?
7. Geographical features (§ 9106)
  - a. Is the narrative clear and identifies geographical features affecting cannabis?
  - b. Is evidence provided for all the geographical features and does their overlap result in a unique geographical area?
  - c. Is evidence provided showing the features (or combination of) are different outside the appellation.



## Detailed Petition Requirements, Continued

### 8. Standards, Practices, and Cultivars (§ 9106)

- a. Do the proposed standards, practices and cultivars comply with the following rules?
  - i. Reasonable, logical, and not more than one meaning
  - ii. Not conflict other parts of petition
  - iii. Familiar terms to cultivators
  - iv. Proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling
  - v. Format is readily understandable by the public
  - vi. The requirements to qualify for use of the appellation are easily understandable
- b. Is a measurable, scorable or certification standard included?
- c. Is a practice included? (could be defining your appellation specific requirement for planting in the ground)
- d. Are allowed or prohibited cultivars and any required evidence included (e.g., testing, specimen preservation, etc.)?
- e. Are proposed recordkeeping specifications for all standards practices, and cultivars included and sufficient to determine compliance with those appellation-specific requirements?

### **B. Potential name conflict**

In addition to meeting the regulatory requirements for approval, CDFA has a responsibility to consider the proposed appellation conflict with DCC labeling rules and existing use in the commercial cannabis marketplace.

- a. Does the proposed name for the appellation conform to DCC labelling rules?
- b. Have conflicts between the proposed appellation and existing use in the commercial cannabis market been assessed?

**For detailed petition requirements, please refer to our website:**  
**[www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/cap](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/cap)**