

Cannabis Appellations Program

Stakeholder Workshop

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Workshop Purpose

1

Reconnect with stakeholders and welcome new ones

2

Provide a general program update

3

Give stakeholders an opportunity for input or questions

Program History

	Event	Effect	Impact
2017	MAUCSARA Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act	Required CDFA to create a process for cultivators to establish appellations of origin	CalCannabis – CAP Statewide workshops Focused stakeholder meetings Draft regulations
2020	Senate Bill 67	Limited participation in the appellation program to outdoor full sun cultivation	Multiple variations of proposed regulations
2021	Assembly Bill 141	Transferred authority to create regulations about cannabis cultivation from CDFA to the DCC	CAP in CDFA/OEFI Final Regulations

Program Status

Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation (OEFI)

OEFI's Vision Statement

To be a trusted and valued resource for scientific analysis and support to stakeholders and state agencies in the development and implementation of economically viable agricultural practices that optimize environmental and public health.



OEFI supports agricultural production and incentivizes practices which result in a net benefit for the environment through innovation, efficient management, and science.

Examples of OEFI-supported programs;

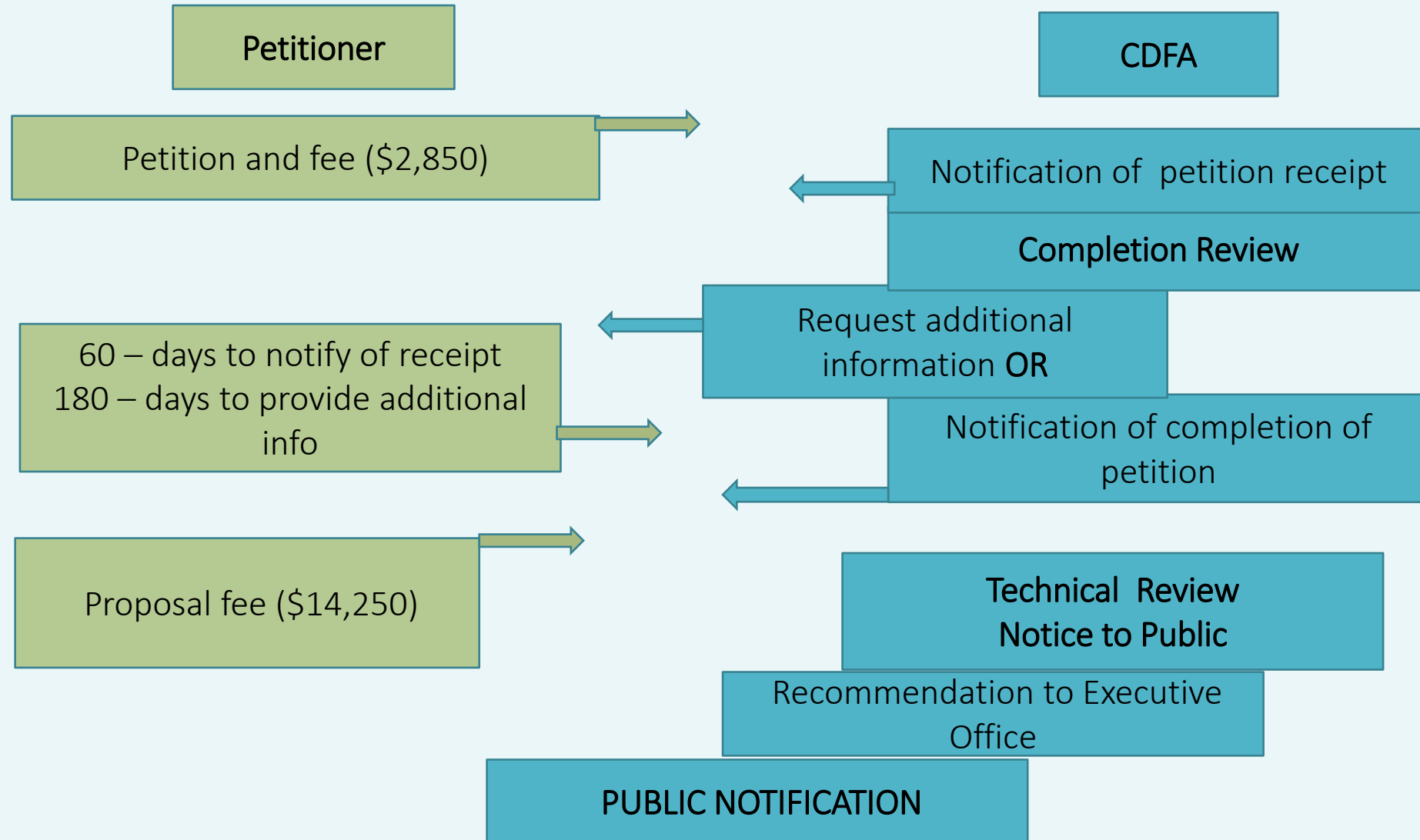
- Healthy Soils Program
- State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.

Petition for Appellation of Origin

§ 9102

- Petitioner (and organization) information
- General description of proposed geographical area
- Evidence of name use (§ 9104)
- Boundary description (§ 9105)
- Geographical features affecting cannabis (§ 9106)
- Standard, practice, and cultivar requirements (§ 9107)
- Legacy, history, reputation, and economic importance of cannabis production in the area

Petitioning Process



Petition Review

Completion Review CDFA Staff	Technical Review Contractors/CDFA Specialists*
Petitioner Information	Geographical Features
Area description	Standard, practice and cultivar requirements
Proposed name evidence	
Area boundary description	
Legacy and economic importance	

* GOAL – To maintain program integrity while also developing internal expertise

Accepting Petitions



Timing Considerations

Resolution of technical review process

Sufficient notice to stakeholders (2 months?)

Additional stakeholder workshops?

CAP webpage

Sign Up for the Cannabis Appellations Program Mailing List.

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/cap/>





Questions + Comments