September 27, 2018

To: INDUSTRIAL HEMP ADVISORY BOARD AND ALL INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

A meeting of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board has been scheduled. Enclosed is the agenda.

Date: October 30, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Please find the enclosed agenda. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Michelle Phillips
Senior Environmental Scientist

Enclosure(s)

cc: CDFA County/State Liaison Office
1. Roll Call and Opening Remarks
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2018 Board Meeting
3. Review and Approval of Methodology and Procedure to Amend List of Approved Seed Cultivars (Per FAC § 81002, attached)
4. Discussion on Definition of “Destruction”, as Used in FAC § 81006
5. Discussion on Crop Destruction Responsibilities and Procedures
6. Discussion on Sampling Responsibilities and Procedures
7. Discussion on Definition of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
8. Discussion on Development of Agricultural Pilot Program
9. Discussion on Changes to State and Federal Laws, and Identification of Future Board Actions
10. Proposal of Amendments to List of Approved Seed Cultivars (Per FAC § 81002)
11. Additional Public Comments
12. Next Meeting/Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

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Proposed Methodology and Procedure to Update the List of Approved Seed Cultivars
For Consideration by the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board
at the October 30, 2018 Board Meeting

In Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Division 4, adopt:

Chapter 8. Industrial Hemp Cultivation

Article 2. Regulations for Industrial Hemp Cultivation

§ 4921. Methodology and Procedure to Update the List of Approved Seed Cultivars.

(a) The Secretary adopts the following methodology and procedure to add, amend, or remove a seed cultivar from the list of approved seed cultivars.

(1) Upon request from the chair of the Board, or of any four members of the Board, the Department shall schedule a public hearing to consider a proposal to update the list of approved seed cultivars by adding, amending, or removing seed cultivars. A notice and text of the proposal shall be made available to the public no less than 30 days prior to the hearing.

(2) The public hearing to consider a proposal to update the list of approved seed cultivars shall be part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board.

(3) The public hearing shall include:

(A) Presentation of the proposal to update the list of approved seed cultivars;
(B) Presentation of the purpose for the update; and
(C) Opportunity for public comment, pursuant to Section 11125.7 of the Government Code.

(4) After receiving comments from the public, the Board shall vote to accept, amend and accept, or deny a proposal for recommendation to the Secretary.

(5) Upon recommendation by the Board to adopt a proposal and approval by the Secretary, the Department shall amend the list of approved seed cultivars and shall submit the amended list to the Office of Administrative Law to be filed promptly with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Section 81002 of the Food and Agricultural Code, the proposal shall not be subject to further review.

(6) The Department shall post the list of approved seed cultivars to its website and shall provide electronic and/or mail notification of amendments to list of approved seed cultivars to parties that have requested notification. An interested party may go to
the Department’s website and elect to receive automatic notifications of any changes to the list of approved seed cultivars via an electronic mail listserv.

(b) Amendment of the methodology and procedure.

(1) By motion, the Board may recommend amending the methodology and procedure in subsection (a). In consultation with the chair of the Board, the Department shall schedule a public hearing to consider the recommendation, and a notice and text of the proposed amendment shall be made available to the public no less than 30 days prior to the hearing.

(2) The public hearing to consider a proposal to amend the methodology and procedure shall part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board.

(3) The public hearing shall include:

(A) Presentation of the proposal to amend the methodology and procedure;
(B) Presentation of the purpose for the amendment; and
(C) Opportunity for public comment, pursuant to Section 11125.7 of the Government Code.

(4) After receiving comments from the public, the Board shall vote to accept, amend and accept, or deny the proposal for recommendation to the Secretary.

(5) Upon recommendation by the Board to adopt the amendment and approval by the Secretary, the Department shall amend the methodology and procedure, and shall submit the amended methodology and procedure to the Office of Administrative Law to be filed promptly with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Section 81002 of the Food and Agricultural Code, the proposal shall not be subject to further review.

(6) The Department shall provide electronic and/or mail notification of the amendment to the methodology and procedure to parties that have requested notification. An interested party may go to the Department’s website and elect to receive automatic notifications of any changes to the methodology and procedure via an electronic mail listserv.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 81002, Food and Agricultural Code
Reference: Sections 81001 and 81002 Food and Agricultural Code