## **Budget and Fees Task Force**

- Thru referral from staff, access to a CDFA Budgeting person with firsthand knowledge of the IHAB budgets, preferably with knowledge of the past three years into our current and future periods. The goal here is to focus on actual costs over as many periods of activity (years) as possible to see the trend lines for all line items.
- Thru referrals from staff, Identifying knowledgeable and credible persons to engage for the purpose of illustrating and contrasting the USDA Hemp program VS the existing CDFA IHAB program, specifically noting the pro's and con's for each option, as it pertains to the role of the IHAB Board moving forward and its impact on the CA Hemp Industry as a whole.
- Thru referrals from staff, Identifying knowledgeable and credible persons to engage for the purpose of exploring a legislative solution to the current IHAB budgeting shortfall going into 2024 and to investigate the feasibility and timeline for such legislative assistance. I would expect this task to include access to the budgeting, legislative and political persons affiliated to fulfilling this legislative/political action.