



## **MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### ***MARIJUANA AD HOC COMMITTEE TO HOLD A TOWN HALL MEETING ON REVISIONS TO THE COUNTY'S 9.31 MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ORDINANCE***

The Board of Supervisors Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee will hold a town hall meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2016, to provide residents with an opportunity to hear a brief update and share their recommendations with the Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential revisions of the County's Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance (Code Section 9.31).

In the final hours of the 2015 legislative session, the California Legislature passed a Medical Marijuana Regulatory Package that was signed by the Governor on October 9, 2015, which consisted of three bills: AB 266 (Bonta), SB 643 (McGuire) and AB 243 (Wood). In response to the new legislation the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors created a Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Supervisors John McCowen and Tom Woodhouse, to review the County's 9.31 Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance and report back to the Board with recommended revisions to address local conditions and concerns in light of the new state legislation. In December 2015, the Ad Hoc Committee developed a process overview and timeline, with the goal of bringing back recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in March 2016. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee is considering a recommendation to launch a 9.31 pilot program in the spring of 2016.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse stated, "This town hall meeting will give residents a chance to hear directly from the Ad Hoc Committee on the 9.31 revision process and allow us to better understand the thoughts and concerns of residents, stakeholders and interested parties throughout the County on amendments in order to comply with the new legislation."

The Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee will be hosting the public town hall meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Willits Senior Center.

**What:** Marijuana Ad Hoc Town Hall Meeting

**When:** Saturday, February 6, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Willits Senior Center

1501 Baechtel Road

Willits, CA 95490

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