

03/09/2026 – Public input on 6.11 PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Article 27 of the Lake County Code regarding Commercial Cannabis Regulations

We are submitting this written comment to be entered into the public record regarding the use of background checks, expungements, and Live Scan procedures within Lake County's cannabis licensing process.

Our farm was able to obtain a state cannabis license from the California Department of Cannabis Control without issue. As part of that process, a full background review was conducted by the State of California.

During the COVID-19 period, we also completed the required Live Scan through the Lake County Sheriff's Department as part of the county's licensing process.

Since that time, however, the Community Development Department has required an additional Live Scan for a former partner. Since his court-ordered expungement on March 13, 2025, we have been caught in a continuous loop between the Community Development Department and the Sheriff's Department regarding the status of that background check.

We have repeatedly attempted to obtain clarification. However, Officer Joseph "Joe" Dutra has never provided a response confirming why its been denied.

In many counties across California, if a background check results in disqualification, the Sheriff's Department issues a formal denial letter. That letter provides the applicant with the opportunity to review the determination and dispute or provide additional documentation, including proof of expungement or rehabilitation.

In our case, no such determination has ever been provided.

Ironically, under the proposed cannabis regulations drafted by Community Development Director Mireya Turner, applicants are expected to maintain such documentation showing whether their background check was approved or denied by the Sheriff's Department.

Yet when we request that documentation, we are told the Sheriff's Department cannot provide it directly to us.

We are instead told to obtain it from Director Turner. When we ask Director Turner for the document, we are told to file a Public Records Act request to obtain the approval or denial letter that directly affects our eligibility.

At one point, we were even advised to approach the Sheriff Lucas Bingham personally to request a reversal of the background determination, while Community Development Department simultaneously acknowledges that the zoning ordinance does not outline any formal process to petition or appeal a background disqualification.

This creates a governance problem and raises concerns about transparency and due process.

California law has been moving in the opposite direction of these types of barriers.

When voters passed Proposition 64, the state also created pathways to address past criminal records related to cannabis. The Legislature followed with reforms including Assembly Bill 1793 and Assembly Bill 1706, which required courts to review and dismiss eligible cannabis convictions.

These laws were intended to ensure that people are not permanently excluded from opportunity because of past cannabis offenses that the State of California has now legalized.

California has also recognized the broader civil-rights implications of using criminal history as a barrier to opportunity.

Under the California Racial Justice Act, policies that create systemic or discriminatory outcomes within the criminal justice system can be challenged when they disproportionately affect communities of color.

Similarly, the California Fair Chance Act was enacted because criminal background checks have historically been used as structural barriers to employment and economic participation. That law requires that when criminal history is used in decision-making, applicants must receive notice of the determination and an opportunity to respond or dispute the information.

Yet here in Lake County, the current system provides no written determination, no notice of denial, and no opportunity to dispute the background finding.

What we have discovered through emails is that there appears to be an internal process for reconsideration in cases where expungements are presented, but this pathway is not disclosed publicly and is not available to applicants navigating the licensing process.

The result is a system where:

- Expungements are recognized in some cases but ignored in others
- Applicants cannot obtain the documentation required by the county's own proposed regulations
- There is no written appeal or reconsideration process in the ordinance
- And applicants are directed back and forth between departments without resolution

When approval or denial letters are withheld, and when the pathway for reconsideration is not transparent, the result is not simply regulation.

It becomes a systemic procedural barrier that prevents individuals with lawful expungements from moving forward.

If Lake County intends to require Live Scan background checks as part of cannabis licensing, then the county must also provide:

1. Written determinations from the Sheriff's Department
2. A transparent process for appeal or reconsideration
3. Recognition of lawful expungements consistent with California law

Without these safeguards, local procedures risk undermining the very reforms that California enacted when cannabis was legalized.

Transparency and due process should apply equally to everyone who is trying to participate in the legal market.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this written comment be made available to the public record so that the community can understand how the current system is functioning in practice.

Thank you.

# 2023 Signed and Vetoed Legislation

## [AB 100](#)

### **(Ting D) Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022.**

**Status:** 5/15/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 3, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2021 and Budget Act of 2022 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years. This bill amended the Budget Act of 2021 and Budget Act of 2022 and added items of appropriation, in addition to other changes.

## [AB 102](#)

### **(Ting D) Budget Act of 2023.**

**Status:** 7/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill amended the Budget Act of 2023 by adding and repealing items of appropriation and making other changes. This bill contained an urgency clause and took effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

## [AB 128](#)

### **(Committee on Budget) Cannabis: background checks and cannabis event organizer license type.**

**Status:** 7/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 46, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill requires the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to submit to the DOJ fingerprint images and other related information on criminal background checks of certain employees, including peace officers, prospective employees, contractors, and subcontractors whose duties would include access to the criminal offender record information systems or records of the DCC or access to cannabis, cannabis products, or controlled substances; requires the DOJ to provide a state or federal level response and subsequent notifications on the above criminal background checks; specifies that these provisions do not apply to any employee hired on or before June 30, 2023, or any contract entered into on or before June 30, 2023; exempts an owner who has previously submitted fingerprint images and related information from resubmitting information for a subsequent application for a state license; prohibits the DCC from considering criminal history information from a previous check of that owner when considering whether to issue a subsequent state license; adds Type 13—Cannabis event organizer to the codified list of license classifications, and appropriates \$5,000 from the Cannabis Control Fund to the DCC for purposes of implementing the provisions of the bill.

## [AB 374](#)

### **(Haney D) Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-[Vetoed by Governor.](#)

**Summary:** This bill would have authorized, contingent upon approval of a local jurisdiction, a cannabis consumption lounge operator to prepare and sell onsite nonalcoholic, noncannabis-infused food and beverages as well as host live events and sell tickets to those events. Additionally, the bill would have extended local authority to allow for the sale of prepackaged, noncannabis-infused, nonalcoholic food and beverage products by any cannabis retailer (storefront and delivery).

## [AB 623](#)

### **(Chen R) Cannabis: THC testing variances.**

**Status:** 9/30/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 267, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill requires the DCC to establish regulations to adjust testing variances for edible cannabis products that contain less than 5 milligrams of THC in total.

## [AB 993](#)

### **(Rubio, Blanca D) Cannabis Task Force.**

**Status:** 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 822, Statutes of 2023.

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**Summary:** This bill expands the Cannabis Task Force on regulation of commercial cannabis activity to include representatives from the Civil Rights Department and the Department of Industrial Relations.

## [AB 1126](#) **(Lackey R) Cannabis: citation and fine.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill makes it a violation of state cannabis laws (punishable by fine) for any person to use or possess any package, label, advertisement, or other items bearing the universal cannabis symbol in connection with commercial activity, other than licensed commercial cannabis activity. Prohibited items could be seized as contraband; seizures could be conducted by any peace officer, or by employees of the DCC or the Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). When the universal symbol is used in connection with licensed commercial cannabis activity, the bill requires records to be kept demonstrating that fact. The bill does not apply to the noncommercial use of the universal symbol.

## [AB 1171](#) **(Rubio, Blanca D) Cannabis: private right of action.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 467, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill authorizes a licensee under MAUCRSA to bring an action in superior court against a person engaging in commercial cannabis activity without a license.

## [AB 1207](#) **(Irwin D) Cannabis: labeling and advertising.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-[Vetoed by Governor.](#)

**Summary:** This bill allows cannabis licensees to bring an action in superior court against illegal cannabis operators and seek compensation if they can show harm resulting from unlicensed activity. This bill also authorizes the court in that action to enter an order to enjoin a person from engaging in unlicensed cannabis activity.

## [AB 1448](#) **(Wallis R) Cannabis: enforcement by local jurisdictions.**

**Status:** 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 843, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** Redirects specified portions of civil penalties collected for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity from the General Fund to the treasurers of localities that brought the action for the penalties.

## [AB 1684](#) **(Maienschein D) Local ordinances: fines and penalties: cannabis.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 477, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill expands existing law to allow local agencies to immediately impose administrative fines for penalties specified violations that exist as a result of the unlicensed cultivation of cannabis to also include the unlicensed manufacturing, processing, distribution, or retail sale of cannabis.

## [AB 1756](#) **(Committee on Judiciary) Committee on Judiciary: judiciary omnibus.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 478, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This is an omnibus bill, which renames the Registry of Charitable Trusts to Registry of Charities and Fundraisers for charitable contributions from donors that meet specified criteria. As it relates to the DCC, this bill would amend Section 26070.5 (b)(1) of MAUCRSA to reflect this change.

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## [SB 51](#)

### **(Bradford D) Cannabis provisional licenses: local equity applicants.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-[Approved by the Governor](#). Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 593, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the DCC, until January 1, 2031, to issue provisional licenses to qualifying local equity applicants that conduct retailer activities and to allow for the renewal of a provisional license for up to five years from the date of issuance, or upon approval or denial of an annual license, whichever comes first. This bill also requires the DCC, on or before January 1, 2030, to report to the Legislature on the number of provisional licenses that have been granted, the number of provisional licenses that have been canceled upon issuance or denial of an annual license, etc. and the number of provisional licenses that remain active at the time of the report.

## [SB 101](#)

### **(Skinner D) Budget Act of 2023.**

**Status:** 6/27/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2023–24 fiscal year. This bill contained other related provisions.

## [SB 152](#)

### **(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Background checks and fingerprinting: state employment, licensing, and contracting.**

**Status:** 9/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 198, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This budget trailer bill contains language to implement the Budget Act of 2023 and includes technical changes to implement the federal criminal history background check provisions for state employees and license applicants. This bill also adds Type 14—Processor to the codified list of license classifications; and contains provisions that define “processor” and cannabis event organizer” for conforming and implementation purposes.

## [SB 302](#)

### **(Stern D) Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-[Approved by the Governor](#). Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 484, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill expands existing law requiring health facilities to permit terminally ill patients to have access to their medical cannabis to also require health facilities to permit patients who are over 65 years of age and have a chronic disease to have access to their medical cannabis, and includes home health agencies in the list of health facilities included in this law.

## [SB 540](#)

### **(Laird D) Cannabis and cannabis products: health warnings.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 491, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill requires the DCC, in consultation with the Department of Public Health (CDPH), to create a brochure on steps for safer use of cannabis and would require, on or after March 1, 2025, a retailer or microbusiness selling, or a person delivering, cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer to prominently display the brochure. This bill also requires the DCC, by July 1, 2025, to evaluate its regulations on label warnings to determine if additional warnings are necessary. The brochure and label warning regulations must also be reevaluated every five years and updated, if necessary, based on evolving science.

## [SB 622](#)

### **(Allen D) Cannabis regulation: plant identification program: unique identifier.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 496, Statutes of

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**Summary:** This bill amends current law to allow a unique identifier to be recorded in a manner as determined by the DCC through regulation.

**SB 700** (**Bradford D**) **Employment discrimination: cannabis use.**

**Status:** 10/7/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 408, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill makes it unlawful for an employer to request information from an applicant for employment relating to the applicant's prior use of cannabis.

**SB 753** (**Caballero D**) **Cannabis: water resources.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 504, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** The bill makes it a crime for a person 18 years of age or older to plant, cultivate, harvest, dry, or process more than 50 living cannabis plants, or any part thereof, except as specified, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to 6 months or by a fine of not more than \$500, or both, or be charged with a felony, if specified conditions exist, including a violation of pesticide provisions, taking or using water from a conveyance or storage facility without permission, and extraction or use of groundwater from an unpermitted well or from a permitted well in excess of a restriction, as specified. By expanding the scope of a crime and creating new crimes, this bill imposes a state-mandated local program.

**SB 756** (**Laird D**) **Water: inspection: administrative procedure: notice: service.**

**Status:** 9/1/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 158, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, in conducting an investigation or proceeding, to inspect the property or facilities of any person or entity to ascertain certain purposes are being met or compliance with specified requirements. This bill authorizes the board, if consent is denied for an inspection, to obtain an inspection warrant, as specified, or in the event of an emergency affecting public health and safety pertaining to the particular site under which the inspection is being sought, to conduct an inspection without consent or a warrant. The bill also authorizes the board to participate in an inspection of an unlicensed cannabis cultivation site, as specified.

**SB 833** (**McGuire D**) **Cannabis licensing: cultivation licenses: changing license type: inactive status.**

**Status:** 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 886, Statutes of 2023.

**Summary:** This bill 1) requires the DCC, no later than March 1, 2024, to establish a cannabis licensing following program for cannabis cultivators, 2) establishes certain eligibility criteria to participate in the program, and 3) allows a licensee who participates in the program to maintain their cultivation license, and pay a reduced license fee in an amount determined by the DCC. Cultivation licensees also have a one-time opportunity to change their license renewal date. This bill grants DCC the authority to adopt emergency regulations to implement these provisions.

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## AB-128 Cannabis: background checks and cannabis event organizer license type. (2023-2024)

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### Assembly Bill No. 128

#### CHAPTER 46

An act to amend Sections 26050 and 26051.5 of, and to add Section 26010.6 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to cannabis, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

[ Approved by Governor July 10, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State July 10, 2023. ]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 128, Committee on Budget. Cannabis: background checks and cannabis event organizer license type.

Existing law, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), an initiative measure, authorizes a person who obtains a state license under AUMA to engage in commercial adult-use cannabis activity pursuant to that license and applicable local ordinances. Existing law, the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), among other things, consolidates the licensure and regulation of commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis activities. MAUCRSA establishes the Department of Cannabis Control, under the supervision and control of a director, to administer and enforce its provisions. MAUCRSA authorizes the director to employ and appoint all employees necessary to properly administer the work of the department, in accordance with civil service laws and regulations. MAUCRSA requires the director to designate the persons employed by the department for purposes of the administration and enforcement of MAUCRSA, and requires the director to ensure that a sufficient number of employees are qualified peace officers for purposes of enforcing MAUCRSA.

This bill would require the Department of Cannabis Control to submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and other related information for criminal history information checks of certain employees, prospective employees, contractors, and subcontractors, as specified. The bill would require the Department of Cannabis Control to request from the Department of Justice subsequent notification service for those individuals, as specified.

MAUCRSA authorizes the department to issue state licenses only to qualified applicants. MAUCRSA requires an applicant for a state license to require each owner to submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information for a criminal history information check, as specified.

This bill would exempt from that requirement an owner who has previously submitted fingerprint images and related information in connection with a valid state license issued by a licensing authority, as specified. The bill would prohibit the Department of Cannabis Control from considering criminal history information from a previous check of that owner when considering whether to issue a subsequent state license.

MAUCRSA authorizes the issuance of a state temporary event license to a licensee authorizing onsite cannabis sales to, and consumption by, persons 21 years of age or older at a county fair event, district agricultural association event, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction, as specified.

This bill would add Type 13—Cannabis event organizer to the codified list of license classifications.

This bill would update obsolete MAUCRSA provisions.

Existing law establishes the Cannabis Control Fund to support, among other things, the activities of the department under MAUCRSA, and requires licensing fees and certain other moneys associated with the recovery of investigation and enforcement costs to be deposited in the fund.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000 from the Cannabis Control Fund to the department for purposes of implementing the provisions of the bill.

AUMA authorizes the Legislature to amend its provisions with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of both houses to further its purposes and intent, except as specified.

This bill would state that the bill furthers the purposes and intent of AUMA.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 26010.6 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

**26010.6.** (a) Pursuant to subdivision (u) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code, and except as provided in subdivision (d), the department shall submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice for an employee, prospective employee, contractor, or subcontractor whose duties include or would include access to criminal offender record information contained in the information systems or records of the department or access to cannabis, cannabis products, or other controlled substances. The Department of Justice shall provide a state- or federal-level response pursuant to subdivision (p) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code, except for peace officers.

(b) Pursuant to subdivision (u) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code, the department shall submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice for all peace officer employees and prospective peace officer employees of the department. The Department of Justice shall provide a state- or federal-level response pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code for peace officers.

(c) The department shall request from the Department of Justice subsequent notification service, as provided pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code, for persons listed in subdivisions (a) and (b).

(d) Subdivision (a) does not apply to employees hired on or before June 30, 2023, or to any contract entered into on or before June 30, 2023.

**SEC. 2.** Section 26050 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**26050.** (a) The license classification pursuant to this division shall, at a minimum, be as follows:

- (1) Type 1—Cultivation; Specialty outdoor; Small.
- (2) Type 1A—Cultivation; Specialty indoor; Small.
- (3) Type 1B—Cultivation; Specialty mixed-light; Small.
- (4) Type 1C—Cultivation; Specialty cottage; Small.
- (5) Type 2—Cultivation; Outdoor; Small.
- (6) Type 2A—Cultivation; Indoor; Small.

- (7) Type 2B—Cultivation; Mixed-light; Small.
- (8) Type 3—Cultivation; Outdoor; Medium.
- (9) Type 3A—Cultivation; Indoor; Medium.
- (10) Type 3B—Cultivation; Mixed-light; Medium.
- (11) Type 4—Cultivation; Nursery.
- (12) Type 5—Cultivation; Outdoor; Large.
- (13) Type 5A—Cultivation; Indoor; Large.
- (14) Type 5B—Cultivation; Mixed-light; Large.
- (15) Type 6—Manufacturer 1.
- (16) Type 7—Manufacturer 2.
- (17) Type 8—Testing laboratory.
- (18) Type 10—Retailer.
- (19) Type 11—Distributor.
- (20) Type 12—Microbusiness.
- (21) Type 13—Cannabis event organizer.

(b) With the exception of testing laboratory licenses, which may be used to test cannabis and cannabis products regardless of whether they are intended for use by individuals who possesses a physician's recommendation, all licenses issued under this division shall bear a clear designation indicating whether the license is for commercial adult-use cannabis activity as distinct from commercial medicinal cannabis activity by prominently affixing an "A" or "M," respectively. Examples of such a designation include, but are not limited to, "A-Type 1" or "M-Type 1." Except as specifically specified in this division, the requirements for A-licenses and M-licenses shall be the same. For testing laboratories, the department shall create a license that indicates a testing laboratory may test both adult-use and medicinal cannabis.

(c) A license issued pursuant to this division shall be valid for 12 months from the date of issuance. The license may be renewed annually.

(d) The department shall establish procedures for the issuance and renewal of licenses.

**SEC. 3.** Section 26051.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**26051.5.** (a) An applicant for a state license issued pursuant to this division to conduct commercial cannabis activity, as defined in Section 26001, shall do all of the following:

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (G), require that each owner electronically submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions and state and federal arrests, and also information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions and arrests for which the Department of Justice establishes that the person is free on bail or on their own recognizance pending trial or appeal.

(A) Notwithstanding any other law, the department may obtain criminal history information from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for an applicant for any state license under this division, including any license established by a licensing authority, as defined in Section 26001, by regulation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 26012.

(B) When received, the Department of Justice shall transmit fingerprint images and related information received pursuant to this section to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining a federal criminal history records check. The Department of Justice shall review the information returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and compile and disseminate a response to the licensing authority.

(C) The Department of Justice shall provide a response to the licensing authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (p) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code.

(D) The licensing authority shall request from the Department of Justice subsequent notification service, as provided pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code, for applicants.

(E) The Department of Justice shall charge the applicant a fee sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of processing the requests described in this paragraph.

(F) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensing authority may request and receive from a local or state agency certified records of all arrests and convictions, certified records regarding probation, and any and all other related documentation needed to complete an applicant or licensee investigation. A local or state agency may provide those records to a licensing authority upon request.

(G) If an owner has previously submitted fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice pursuant to this paragraph in connection with a valid state license issued by a licensing authority, both of the following apply:

(i) The owner shall not be required to submit additional fingerprint images and related information pursuant to this paragraph in connection with a subsequent application for a state license.

(ii) The department shall not consider the owner's criminal history information obtained from the fingerprint images and related information that were previously submitted pursuant to this paragraph when considering whether to issue a subsequent state license.

(2) Provide evidence of the legal right to occupy and use the proposed location and provide a statement from the landowner of real property or that landowner's agent where the commercial cannabis activity will occur, as proof to demonstrate the landowner has acknowledged and consented to permit commercial cannabis activities to be conducted on the property by the tenant applicant.

(3) Provide evidence that the proposed location is in compliance with subdivision (b) of Section 26054.

(4) Provide a statement, signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury, that the information provided is complete, true, and accurate.

(5) (A) (i) For an applicant with 20 or more employees, or an applicant with 10 or more employees that submits an application on or after July 1, 2024, provide a notarized statement that the applicant will enter into, or demonstrate that it has already entered into, and will abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement. On and after July 1, 2024, the department shall not renew a license for a licensee with 10 or more employees unless the licensee provides a statement that the licensee has already entered into and will abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement.

(ii) For an applicant with 10 or more employees but less than 20 employees that has not yet entered into a labor peace agreement, provide a notarized statement as a part of its application indicating that the applicant will enter into and abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement within 60 days of employing its 20th employee, or on or before July 1, 2024, whichever is earlier.

(iii) For an applicant with less than 10 employees that has not yet entered into a labor peace agreement, provide a notarized statement as a part of its application indicating that the applicant will enter into and abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement within 60 days of employing its 10th employee or on or before July 1, 2024, whichever is later.

(iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the authority of the department to revoke or suspend a license for a violation of this paragraph.

(B) Compliance with the terms of an applicable labor peace agreement is a condition of licensure. A licensee seeking renewal of any license shall attest to the department that it remains in compliance with the terms of any applicable labor peace agreement.

(C) Any labor organization, or any current or former employee of the relevant licensee, may report to the department that a licensee has failed to provide a truthful attestation of compliance with subparagraph (B).

(i) The reporting party shall provide documentation, in a form and manner required by the department, to substantiate their allegation before the department considers it. The department shall collaborate with such agencies as it deems relevant to evaluate the report.

(ii) If the department substantiates the validity of a report made pursuant to this subparagraph, the department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and conditions, or otherwise discipline the license and fine the licensee.

(D) (i) Any labor organization, or any current or former employee of the relevant licensee, may file a complaint with the Agricultural Labor Relations Board that an organization with which a licensee has entered into a labor peace agreement is not a bona fide labor organization.

(ii) The Agricultural Labor Relations Board shall consider all relevant evidence provided or obtained in rendering a decision on whether the entity is a bona fide labor organization and issue a report with its findings no later than ninety (90) days from receiving the complaint.

(iii) If the Agricultural Labor Relations Board determines that the entity is not a bona fide labor organization, the labor peace agreement shall be null and void. The department shall promptly notify all licensees that have signed labor peace agreements with the entity that the entity was found not to be a bona fide labor organization and offer those licensees a reasonable time period, not to exceed 180 days, to enter into a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization. Failure to enter into a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization after that reasonable time period shall be a violation of this section.

(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, all of the following shall apply:

(i) "Employee" does not include a supervisor.

(ii) "Labor organization" means any organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in which employees participate and which exists, in whole or in part, for the purpose of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work for employees.

(iii) "Supervisor" means an individual having authority, in the interest of the applicant, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibility to direct them or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend such action, if, in connection with the foregoing, the exercise of that authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment.

(6) Provide the applicant's valid seller's permit number issued pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code or indicate that the applicant is currently applying for a seller's permit.

(7) Provide any other information required by the department.

(8) For an applicant seeking a cultivation license, provide a statement declaring the applicant is an "agricultural employer," as defined in the Alatorre-Zenovich-Dunlap-Berman Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 (Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 1140) of Division 2 of the Labor Code), to the extent not prohibited by law.

(9) Pay all applicable fees required for licensure by the department.

(10) Provide proof of a bond to cover the costs of destruction of cannabis or cannabis products if necessitated by a violation of licensing requirements.

(11) (A) Provide a statement, upon initial application and application for renewal, that the applicant employs, or will employ within one year of receiving or renewing a license, one supervisor and one employee who have successfully completed a Cal-OSHA 30-hour general industry outreach course offered by a training provider that is authorized by an OSHA Training Institute Education Center to provide the course. This paragraph shall not be construed to alter or amend existing requirements for employers to provide occupational safety and health training to employees.

(B) An applicant with only one employee shall not be subject to subparagraph (A).

(C) For purposes of this paragraph "employee" has the same meaning as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) and "supervisor" has the same meaning as provided in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (5).

(b) An applicant shall also include in the application a detailed description of the applicant's operating procedures for all of the following, as required by the department:

- (1) Cultivation.
- (2) Extraction and infusion methods.
- (3) The transportation process.
- (4) Inventory procedures.
- (5) Quality control procedures.
- (6) Security protocols.

(7) For applicants seeking licensure to cultivate, the source or sources of water the applicant will use for cultivation, as provided in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of Section 26060.1. For purposes of this paragraph, "cultivation" as used in Section 26060.1 shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 26001. The department shall consult with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife in the implementation of this paragraph.

(c) The applicant shall also provide a complete detailed diagram of the proposed premises wherein the license privileges will be exercised, with sufficient particularity to enable ready determination of the bounds of the premises, showing all boundaries, dimensions, entrances and exits, interior partitions, walls, rooms, and common or shared entryways, and include a brief statement or description of the principal activity to be conducted therein, and, for licenses permitting cultivation, measurements of the planned canopy, including aggregate square footage and individual square footage of separate cultivation areas, if any, roads, water crossings, points of diversion, water storage, and all other facilities and infrastructure related to the cultivation.

(d) Provide a complete list of every person with a financial interest in the person applying for the license as required by the department. For purposes of this subdivision, "persons with a financial interest" does not include persons whose only interest in a licensee is an interest in a diversified mutual fund, blind trust, or similar instrument.

**SEC. 4.** The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is hereby appropriated from the Cannabis Control Fund to the Department of Cannabis Control for purposes of implementing this act.

**SEC. 5.** The Legislature finds and declares that this act furthers the purposes and intent of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

**SEC. 6.** This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.



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# CLS: Next steps for owners

This guide outlines the subsequent actions required in the owner application process. It covers key aspects including owner application notifications, live scan applications, and specific sections of the owner application such as contact information, birthdate, place of birth, SSN/ITIN/NIN, ownership information, acknowledgments, and history of convictions. The guide also provides instructions for reviewing and submitting required documents, reviewing the owner application, and managing additional owner applications.

The Department of Cannabis Control's Licensing Division cannot review the application until 3 other actions are taken:

- All owners submit an Owner Application (covered next)
- The Designated Responsible Party submits the Declaration and Final Affidavit
- The application fee is paid either online by credit card or bank transfer, by check and mailed to the DCC, or in person (at the office of the one of the DCC offices in Rancho Cordova, Eureka, or North Hollywood). See DCC website for details on [payment methods and office locations](#).

## Owner applications

**Important:** On receiving the main application, the system sends an email to each additional owner with instructions on how to log in and submit an Owner Application. For new accounts, the owner must complete registration by providing

their personal information.

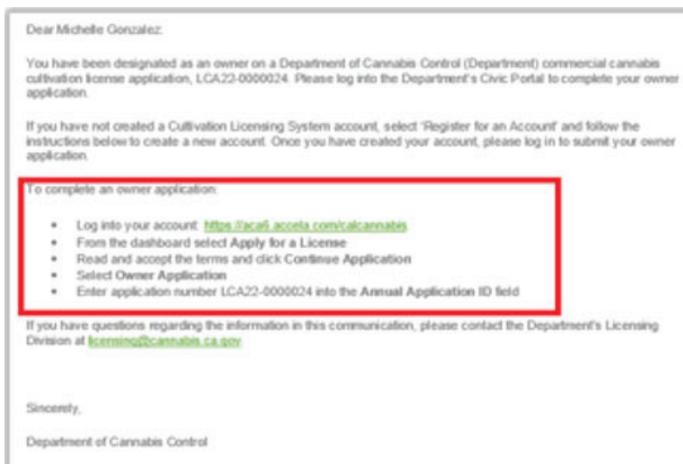
(see Part I – Create and Manage Your Account above)

All owners must submit an Owner Application. You cannot complete another owner's application.

## Owner application notification

The Licensing system sends emails to all other owners on the application, instructing them to log into their account (the owner may need to create one first) and complete the Owner Application.

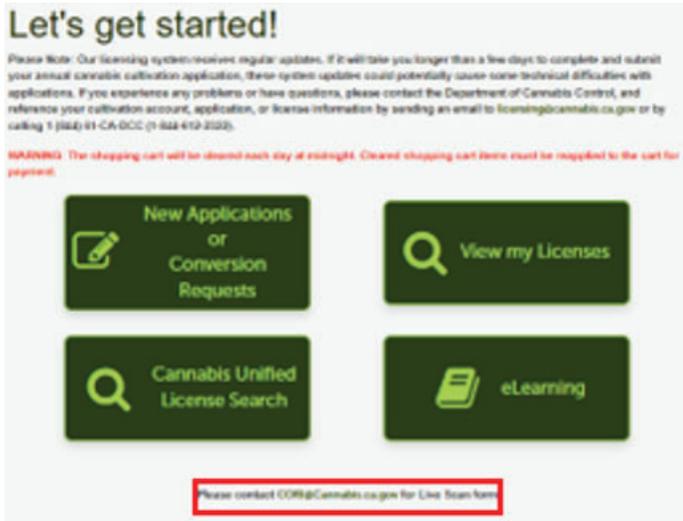
Those who don't already have a CLS account must complete the registration process.



Creating the Owner Application is like creating the main application, just select Owner Application from the second page, as we will see shortly.

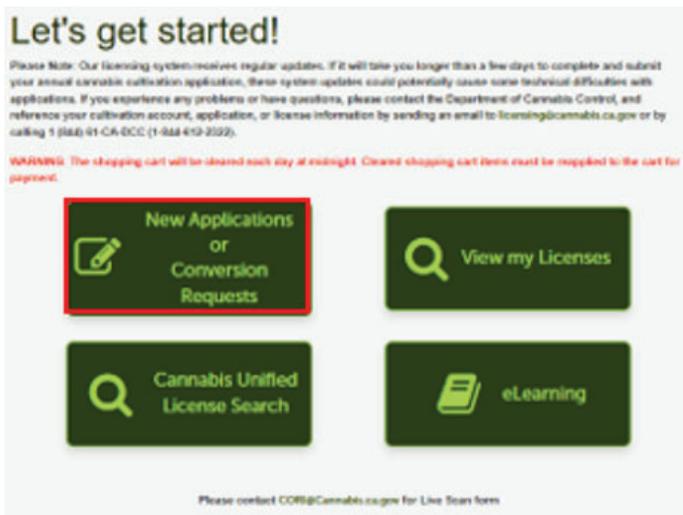
## Live scan application

Each owner must fill out an application for fingerprinting at a live scan location.



Email [CORI@cannabis.ca.gov](mailto:CORI@cannabis.ca.gov) to request a live scan application.

# Applicant's owner application



For this illustration, we will follow the original applicant/DRP through the process of submitting his or her Owner Application. After logging in, click on the New Applications or Conversion Requests button.

# General disclaimer



Once again, check the box indicating you accept the terms, then click Continue Application.

# Select the owner application

## Select the application type for which you are applying or request a license co

You may only select one application type for a single premises per application. You may only open one conversion request at a time.

**Adult-Use:**  
Select this option if your business is applying for a state license for cannabis intended for use by adults 21 years of age and over and who do not possess a medical cannabis recommendation.

**Conversion Request:**  
Select this option if you are a licensee requesting to convert your existing cultivation licenses into a Large or Medium Cultivation License.

**Declarations and Final Affidavit:**  
After submitting an Adult-Use or Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Application and all corresponding Owner Applications for your business, select this option. The Responsible Party listed in the Adult-Use or Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Application must complete the Declarations and Final Affidavit to make disclosures.

**Medicinal:**  
Select this option if your business is applying for a state license for commercial cannabis activity involving medicinal cannabis. Medicinal cannabis refers to the use of cannabis under the Medical Cannabis Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215) by a medicinal cannabis patient in California who possesses a physician's recommendation.

**Owner Application:**  
After submitting an Adult-Use or Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Application for your business, select this option to submit an Owner Application. Each owner must provide personal information, attach specified documents, make disclosures, and affirm declaration.

Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Application

Conversion Request

Declarations and Final Affidavit

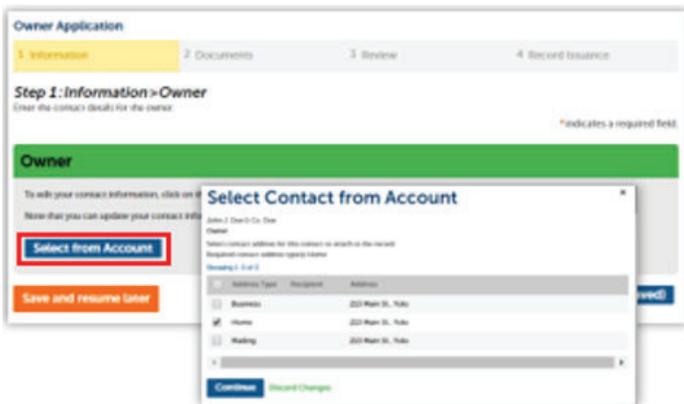
Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Application

Owner Application

Choose the Owner Application button on this page, then click Continue Application.

Note: Your Owner application must be submitted prior to the Declarations and Final Affidavit. The system will not allow completing the Declarations form until the Owner application is submitted.

# Contact information



Choose the Select from Account button to prefill the form with the personal information you created when you registered. Your Home address is preselected, if you already entered it for registration.

# Birthdate, place of birth & SSN/ITIN/NIN

**Contact Information**

\* Indicates a required field. For help click on the "?"  
For Temporary License Applications the communication method will be email. The Legal Business Name will be available to the public on our public search portal.

Individual/Organization: Individual

Legal First Name: John Legal Last Name: Doe Business Title: Owner

**Birth Date:** 03/15/1985 **Place of Birth:** SHERIDAN, NEB

Phone: (444) 555-5555 Email: john.doe@domain.com

Country: United States

**Contact Addresses**

**Add Contact Address**

To add a new contact address, click the Add Contact Address link. To edit a contact address, click the Edit link. To remove one of your applications, click on the Remove link.

Showing 0 of 0

Applying as an owner requires entering your birthdate, place of birth, and your tax identification number. These were not required when you registered, so you must enter them now. If the rest of your Contact Information is okay, you can click Continue at the bottom of the pop-up window. Then click Continue Application on the page.

## Ownership information

**Step 1: Information > Ownership**

Please complete the following information below. \* Indicates a required field.

**Ownership Information**

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

\* Application or Receipt ID: [input field] **Be sure to enter the correct application number from your Licensee list or email**

\* Percent Ownership (%): [input field] **Enter your percentage of ownership when did you take ownership?**

Date When Acquired Interest: [input field]

\* Current Employer: [input field]

CA State Issued ID #: [input field] **Provide a State or other government ID**

Other Government Issued ID #: [input field]

Live Scan Applicant Transaction ID: [input field] **Visit a Live Scan site and provide the transaction ID**

**Save and resume later** **Continue Application (Not Saved)**

Enter the required information here. Most fields are required. Find the Application ID number of your main license application in the Licenses list on your home page. A Live Scan site will give you a Transaction ID with the receipt for your fingerprinting.

## Acknowledge owner disclosures section

**Acknowledge Owner Disclosures**

**OWNER DISCLOSURES**

The disclosures release information about the owner. Indicate "Yes" or "No" on each disclosure. Indicating "Yes" to any of these disclosures may result in a denial of your Cannabis Cultivation Application or may require more information to be provided by the owner.

\* Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to any misdemeanor or felony in the United States or a foreign country?  Yes  No

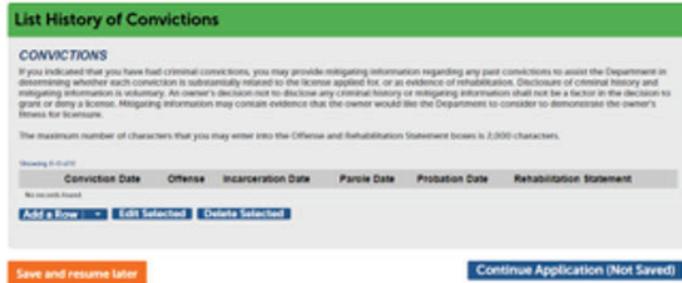
\* Have you had a license sanctioned, suspended, or revoked in the past three years by a licensing authority, a city, county, or city and county for unauthorized commercial cannabis activities?  Yes  No

\* Have you been subject to fines, penalties, or otherwise been sanctioned for cultivation or production of a controlled substance on public or private lands pursuant to Section 26007 of the Business and Professions Code?  Yes  No

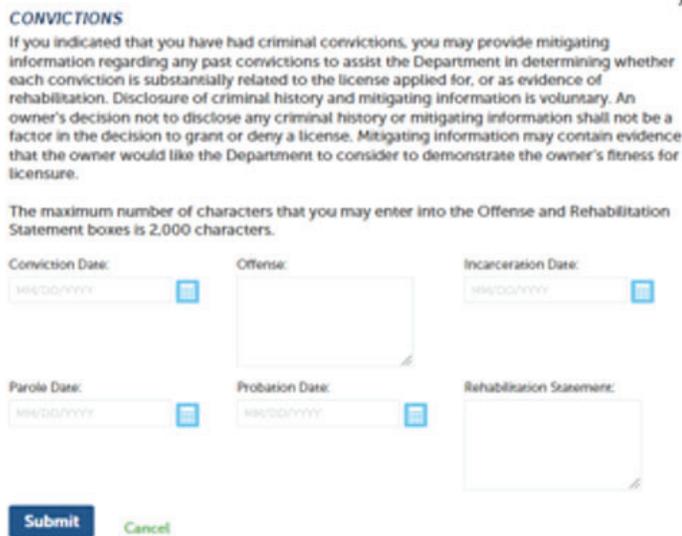
\* Have you ever had a commercial cannabis license or other professional license suspended, revoked, or denied, or otherwise subject to discipline or fine by this state or elsewhere (i.e., other U.S. state, U.S. territory, agency of the federal government, or other country)?  Yes  No

Respond Yes or No to the questions displayed. Note: Answering Yes to any of these disclosures may result in denial of your application or may require you to submit additional information.

# List history of convictions section



Any history of criminal convictions, regardless of whether they were state, federal, or international offenses, can be reported on the Owner Application. Click on Add a Row to open a pop-up window and add information about each conviction.



Enter the Offense, Conviction, Incarceration, Probation, or Parole Date. A Rehabilitation Statement may be entered as well. Click Submit when finished. Click Continue Application when done with the page.

# Required documents section

In this section, upload a digital copy of the application for fingerprint processing. Click Add to open a pop-up window and select your files.

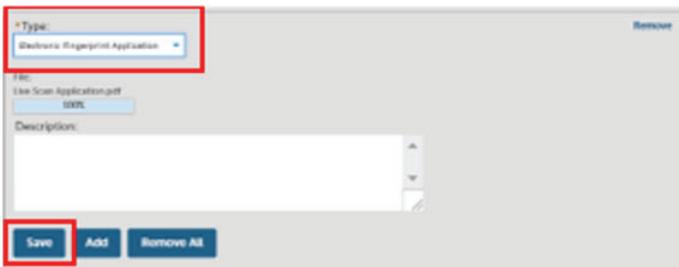
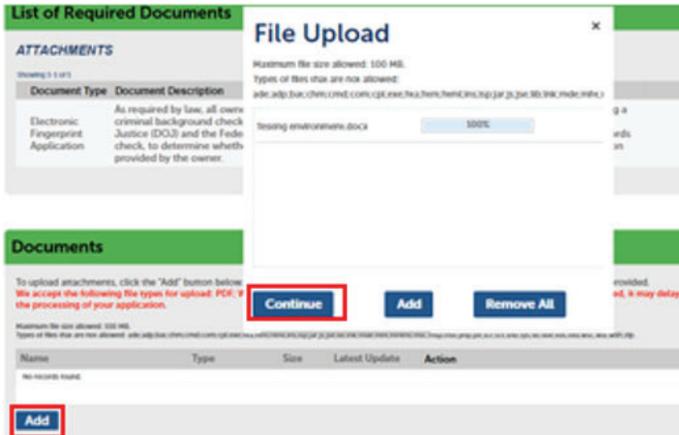
After adding the required file, click the Continue button to close the pop-up and return to the main page.

Note: If you wish to upload other documents related to convictions or other special situations, add them through this window and identify them in the next step.

After attaching your document, you must identify the file using the Type dropdown list. If needed, enter details in the optional Description field.

Click Save when done.

**IMPORTANT:** You cannot proceed until you have clicked Save to finish uploading your files.



● Certificate of Rehabilitation	● Deficiency Response
● Electronic Fingerprint Application	● Evidence of Dismissal
● Government Issued ID	● History of Convictions
● Other (write a description)	● Reference Letters
● Owner – Cannabis License Financial Interests List	

Document Type choices

## Owner application review section

Next is the Review screen, where you can see all the entries you made in the Owner Application. You can use the blue Edit buttons to revise any section of your application.

Click the checkbox at the bottom of the screen to certify your application. Click Continue Application.

This submits the DRP's Owner Application to the DCC.

## Additional owner applications

Each additional owner must complete and submit an Owner Application, using the same steps we just covered.

When the main application is submitted, additional owners receive an email with instructions to create their account (or log into an existing account), then enter and submit their Owner Application.

The process for submitting these applications is the same as we have just shown.

## Continue to next article

[CLS: Declarations and final affidavit](#)

This guide provides instructions on handling email notices related to the application process. It covers key steps including logging in, reviewing general disclaimers, selecting an application type, adding contact information, acknowledging disclosures and declarations, and finalizing the review process. It also includes information on record issuance following the completion of these steps. Email notice Once...

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**Re: [EXTERNAL] Clarification on License Revocation Process**

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**From** Mireya Turner <Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov>

**Date** Fri 2/7/2025 4:07 PM

**To** Family farms Pillsbury <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>

**Cc** Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; Bruno Sabatier <Bruno.Sabatier@lakecountyca.gov>

Hi Justin,

The zoning code does not address the option to petition the Sheriff's office for reconsideration of a disqualification of your background check. Your permit requires that you pass the background check as a condition of approval, consistent with the Code of  
If you prefer to not petition the Sheriff's Office, please let me know.

Since you are part of the Pillsbury Family Farms, LLC and have consistently identified yourself as part of the Permit team, it is not as simple as saying you will not participate in the cultivation. CDD does not have the details on why you were disqualified. You will need to contact the Sheriff's Office for more information.

I was trying to help you by giving you time to work with the Sheriff's Office. I know you and your team have worked hard to establish your permitted operation. We were willing to wait when you told us a few months ago that you had retained an attorney for that purpose. If you have not been working on this, and do not intend to do so, it is time for CDD to move forward with the revocation request.

Cordially,  
Mireya G. Turner, MPA  
Director  
Community Development Department  
County of Lake  
255 N. Forbes St.  
Lakeport, CA. 95453  
707.263.2221

On Feb 7, 2025, at 2:32 PM, Pillsbury Family farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Mireya, for your response and for providing additional context.

I want to express that I feel uncomfortable with the suggestion to personally reach out to the Sheriff's Department to have them reconsider their position on my disqualification. If the reason for the disqualification is unknown, I am unclear on why this is being suggested as the proper course of action. Could you clarify:

1. Where in the county ordinance is it stated that an applicant must directly petition the Sheriff to have a background disqualification reconsidered? I would appreciate a reference to the specific state or federal regulation or current county, cannabis procedural guideline that outlines this process.

2. Does my disqualification prevent John Evens or Skielaiwa from cultivating? If so can the farm opt out of cultivating for this year or is the farm prevented from utilizing the opt out of cultivation for this year in order to maintain compliance?

Additionally, I would like written confirmation of the exact nature of the background issue and the official process for addressing it. Without this clear information, I find it difficult to navigate this situation properly.

I appreciate your time and assistance in clarifying these concerns.

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Justin Quayle  
Pillsbury Family Farms Inc.  
707-708-9594  
PO Box 325  
Potter Valley CA 95469

On Fri, Feb 7, 2025, 2:07 PM Mireya Turner <[Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Justin,

Thank you for your quick response. I couldn't pull up that screenshot since I am away from the office. But the context you added in your email was helpful.

At the time of that email, I was considering a recommendation of the permit based on cultivation without the state permit. The two offices had asked to be kept updated.

I decided not to proceed with that revocation, however.

Neither the Tax Collector nor Administration staff have influenced this department's current plan of action. That plan is to give you a little more time to work out your background disqualification with the Sheriff's Department. Please be advised, the time we are allowing you to work out this matter in no way authorizes cultivation by the Pillsbury Family Farms Permittees. The disqualification must be cleared prior to any operation under that major use permit, in order to be in compliance with the use permit's conditions of approval.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Cordially,

Mireya G. Turner, MPA

**Director, Community Development**

County of Lake

On Feb 7, 2025, at 13:34, Pillsbury Family farms  
<[pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com](mailto:pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mireya,

I appreciate your response, but I want to ensure we are both looking at the same information. I have already attached the screenshot of your email to Patrick, Casey, and Lloyd, where you mention discussing the revocation process and the difficulty in proving state delays. In that email, you also apologize for how long the process is taking.

To clarify my question:

1. Why was the Tax Collector and Admin included in these updates?
2. What specific role do they play in the revocation of my county permit?
3. Does this indicate that financial or administrative factors outside of the cultivation compliance process are influencing the farm's revocation?

Since this email was sent before your Notice of Intent, I assume there are records or meeting notes or coordination of a meeting that explain this interaction between your department and the Treasurer-Tax Collector Department. Please let me know if you need me to resend the attachment for reference.

Looking forward to your response.

Have a great day,

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On Fri, Feb 7, 2025, 1:00 PM Mireya Turner  
<[Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Justin,

I do not recall apologizing to either the Tax Collector or Administration staff. Would you please give me more information?

Cordially,

Mireya G. Turner, MPA

**Director, Community Development**  
County of Lake

On Feb 7, 2025, at 09:58, Pillsbury Family farms  
<[pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com](mailto:pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mireya,

Thank you for your response. I wanted to follow up for further clarification. I found it curious that you would apologize to the tax collector and Casey Moreno while keeping them updated on my county permit revocation status and the difficulties it presents.

Could you clarify why Patrick Sullivan and Casey Moreno are involved in these updates and why an apology was extended to them?

I am trying to fully understand the connections between the different departments involved in this matter.

Additionally, I want to inform you that my attorney is actively working on this issue. However, at this time, I am unable to provide any detailed updates due to attorney-client privilege confidentiality agreements. Once this matter becomes public record, I will be able to provide an update. I did send the business card of the attorney I retained to you and Mary Claybon as well.

I appreciate your time and any clarification you can provide.

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On Fri, Feb 7, 2025, 9:22 AM Mireya Turner  
<[Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Justin,

I hope this email finds you well.

I appreciate your questions.

The issue with your cannabis cultivation permit is your disqualification based on your background check. This matter is entirely based within the use permit and is not connected to the Tax Collector's Office. I have delayed taking a recommendation of revocation to the Planning Commission to give you the past few months to work with the Sheriff's Department on reversing their decision. As I

have stated in previous emails, any cultivation activity would be done in violation of the permit at this point. It has been a few months now, that we have delayed, without any reported progress on your end.

Please note, taxation of cannabis is not handled by the Community Development Department. I would defer to Patrick Sullivan for any question regarding cannabis tax assessment and/or payment.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Cordially,

Mireya G. Turner, MPA

Director, Community Development Department

County of Lake

707.263.2221

> On Feb 7, 2025, at 9:01 AM, Pillsbury Family farms  
<[pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com](mailto:pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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> Good Morning Mireya,

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> I hope you're doing well.

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> I wanted to touch base regarding the status of my company's license with your office and the Tax Collectors Office.

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> I would appreciate clarification on the Tax Collector's Office's involvement in my revocation. Specifically, is this revocation action stemming from the Cannabis Cultivation Tax Program or the Cannabis Grant Equity Program? Additionally, I noticed that the Tax Collector's involvement was not mentioned in the Notice of Intent you sent to John—could you clarify why that was not addressed?

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> Overall, I am trying to better understand of the primary motivation behind this revocation.

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> I appreciate your time and any clarification you can provide

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> -

> Justin Quayle

> Pillsbury Family Farms Inc.

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] Quayle denial letter**

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**From** Mireya Turner <Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov>  
**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 9:39 AM  
**To** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Cc** Julie Cannard <Julie.Cannard@lakecountyca.gov>

Good morning Sky,  
Please submit all requests for public records via our electronic system. I have cc'd CDD Technician Julie Cannard to assist you.



Cordially,

**Mireya G. Turner, MPA**  
**Director**

**Community Development**  
**255 N. Forbes St.**

**Lakeport, CA 95453**

**Phone: (707) 263-2221**

**Fax: (707) 263-2225**

**Email: [mireya.turner@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:mireya.turner@lakecountyca.gov)**

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**From:** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2025 8:52 AM  
**To:** Mireya Turner <Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Bruno Sabatier <Bruno.Sabatier@lakecountyca.gov>; Joe Dutra <Joe.Dutra@lakecountyca.gov>; Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; Tal Segev <tsegev@andersonzeigler.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Quayle denial letter

Hi Mireya,

We would like to request a copy of the denial letter related to the most recent Live Scan submission for Justin Quayle on 04-23-2025 ATI # B113QUJ213

During my recent phone call with Joe Dutra at the Lake County Sheriff's Office, he informed me that he was unable to provide a denial letter for Justin Quayle and advised me to request it directly from you.

If possible, I would appreciate receiving that denial letter, as well as the previous one, so we can keep them on file for future inspections. Additionally, could you please provide the

qualification letters for both myself and John? If you're unable to provide them directly, I would appreciate guidance on where we can obtain those records for our compliance documentation.

Thank you,

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Sky Laiwa

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## Request for Guidance on Live Scan Background Appeal Process

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**From** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>

**Date** Fri 12/5/2025 9:28 AM

**To** joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov <joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov>

**Cc** District 3 EJ Crandell <eddie.crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; Christina Law <christina.law@lakecountyca.gov>

Hi Joe,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out because I have been trying to understand the appeal process for Live Scan background disqualifications, and I've been having difficulty finding information for Lake County.

I contacted several surrounding counties, and they all have a clear process in place that allows an applicant to appeal a disqualification by submitting certified court documentation. However, I have not been able to locate anything similar for the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Do you know how we should proceed with an appeal through our Sheriff's Department, or who we should speak with to begin that process?

A community member mentioned that Al Vaitulala had a similar issue in the past and was able to provide court documentation directly to the Sheriff's Department, after which his Live Scan results were updated to "qualified." Our situation with our former owner, Justin Quayle, appears to fall under a similar category.

Have you seen any cases like Al's be handled or resolved successfully within Lake County, and if so, can you advise us on the appropriate steps to take?

Thank you for your time and assistance — we truly appreciate any guidance you can provide.

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for Guidance on Live Scan Background Appeal Process**

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**From** Mary Claybon <Mary.Claybon@lakecountyca.gov>  
**Date** Wed 12/10/2025 9:23 AM  
**To** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Cc** Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>

Hello Skiela,

Thank you for contacting the Community development Department regarding your inquiry for appealing the Lake County Sheriff's Office qualified/disqualified determinations for livescan background checks for commercial cannabis cultivation. The review of these background check results is not within the Community Development Department's purview. Any inquiries for an appeal process should be directed to the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you,  
Mary Claybon

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**From:** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 5, 2025 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mary Claybon <Mary.Claybon@lakecountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Guidance on Live Scan Background Appeal Process

Hi Mary,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out because I have been trying to understand the appeal process for Live Scan background disqualifications, and I've been having difficulty finding information for Lake County.

I contacted several surrounding counties, and they all have a clear process in place that allows an applicant to appeal a disqualification by submitting certified court documentation. However, I have not been able to locate anything similar for the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

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**Date** Wed 12/10/2025 9:23 AM  
**To** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Cc** Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>

Hello Skiela,

Thank you for contacting the Community development Department regarding your inquiry for appealing the Lake County Sheriff's Office qualified/disqualified determinations for livescan background checks for commercial cannabis cultivation. The review of these background check results is not within the Community Development Department's purview. Any inquiries for an appeal process should be directed to the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you,  
Mary Claybon

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**From:** Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 5, 2025 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mary Claybon <Mary.Claybon@lakecountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Eddie Crandell <Eddie.Crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Guidance on Live Scan Background Appeal Process

Hi Mary,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out because I have been trying to understand the appeal process for Live Scan background disqualifications, and I've been having difficulty finding information for Lake County.

I contacted several surrounding counties, and they all have a clear process in place that allows an applicant to appeal a disqualification by submitting certified court documentation. However, I have not been able to locate anything similar for the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Do you know how we should proceed with an appeal through our Sheriff's Department, or who we should speak with to begin that process?

A community member mentioned that Al Vaitulala had a similar issue in the past and was able to provide court documentation directly to the Sheriff's Department, after which his Live Scan results were updated to "qualified." Our situation with our former owner, Justin Quayle, appears to fall under a similar category.

Have you seen any cases like Al's be handled or resolved successfully within Lake County, and if so, can you advise us on the appropriate steps to take?

Thank you for your time and assistance we truly appreciate any guidance you can provide.

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Sky Laiwa  
Pillsbury Family Farms Inc.  
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**Confidential- Conviction Expungement**

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**From** Mary Claybon <Mary.Claybon@lakecountyca.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/17/2024 2:17 PM

**To** Justin Quayle <justinquayle@yahoo.com>

**Cc** Mireya Turner <Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov>

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Hello Justin,

Could you please provide documentation to this department for your counsel, Rain and Zep, PLC that are assisting with your criminal conviction expungement? This will remain confidential within your file but we do need to have information on record. Specifically what we need is confirmation from Rain and Zep, PLC that they are actively working on expungement and the anticipated duration of time this effort may take. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



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**Senior Planner**

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## Request for Clarification on Background Check Review Process and Applicant Documentation

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From Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>

Date Thu 12/18/2025 10:06 AM

To Mireya Turner - CDD Director / Cannabis Division <Mireya.Turner@lakecountyca.gov>

Cc Mary Claybon Lake Co Cannabis Planner <Mary.Claybon@lakecountyca.gov>; joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov <joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov>; Pillsbury Family Farms <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>

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Hi Mireya,

Hope you're doing well today. I am writing to follow up on my prior correspondence with staff and the sheriffs department and to request clarification regarding the County's process for addressing background check determinations and post-conviction documentation for cannabis applicants.

For context, I have attached related correspondence, and a email obtained through a Public Records Act request, which reflect the following:

- An email from CDD staff to a former cannabis applicant advising that they must work directly with Sheriff Bingham to reverse a background disqualification;
- Our email sent to the Lake County Sheriff's Office regarding background check clarification, on which a Sheriff's Office contact was copied, that did not receive a response;
- A subsequent email from senior planning staff advising me that background check determinations are outside of CDD's purview;
- And an internal email from senior planning staff to you forwarding correspondence from the Sheriff's Department stating that an applicant continued to have a disqualifying factor, while also inquiring how another cannabis applicant ("Al Vaitulala") had previously been able to submit court documentation that resulted in a revised qualification determination.

I am trying to better understand how these processes are intended to function in practice. Taken together, the records appear to reflect differing guidance provided to applicants regarding where and how post-conviction documentation may be submitted, as well as differing levels of involvement by CDD staff when questions arise about background check outcomes.

At the time of these communications, CDD was aware that the applicant associated with Pillsbury Family Farms was engaged in addressing and initiating proceedings related to the underlying conviction. Because those proceedings were active, the applicant relied on attorney-client privilege until the matter was resolved. A court-recognized expungement was subsequently granted several months later.

Given the seriousness of licensing and previous revocation decisions and appeals, I am respectfully requesting written clarification on the following points:

- What is the County's current standard process and/or internal policy is, when an applicant seeks to submit court documentation related to a background disqualification to the sheriffs department;
- The respective roles of CDD, the Sheriff's Department, and the State in reviewing or reconsidering background check determinations, and court-recognized expungements;
- How CDD ensures that similarly situated applicants receive consistent guidance and opportunities to provide documentation;
- And how post-conviction relief, once granted, is evaluated for licensing purposes.

I have included relevant staff and agencies on this email to ensure clarity and transparency regarding process and roles.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your response.

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## Cannabis background expungement

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**From** Justin Quayle <justinquayle@yahoo.com>

**Date** Thu 1/29/2026 12:39 PM

**To** joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov <joe.dutra@lakecountyca.gov>

**Cc** District 3 EJ Crandell <eddie.crandell@lakecountyca.gov>; helen.owen@lakecountyca.gov <helen.owen@lakecountyca.gov>; brad.Rasmussen@lakecountyca.gov <brad.Rasmussen@lakecountyca.gov>; Bruno Sabatier <bruno.sabatier@lakecountyca.gov>; Jessica.Pyska@lakecountyca.gov <Jessica.Pyska@lakecountyca.gov>; lucas.bingham@lakecountyca.gov <lucas.bingham@lakecountyca.gov>; Mireya G Turner Community Development Department Director <mireya.turner@lakecountyca.gov>; eva.lara@lakecountyca.gov <eva.lara@lakecountyca.gov>; Family Farms Pillsbury <pillsburyfamilyfarms.1@gmail.com>

Hello,

I am hoping someone can help me figure this out.

During my revocation proceedings, I recieved my full background expungement from Sonoma County Superior Court.

I ran my fingerprints last year since then only to be told I will never work in cannabis again by officer dutra.

As suggested by Chair of the Board Brad Rassmussen, I go to the lake county public defenders office. The lady's at the lake county public defenders there informed and confirmed that I have no criminal history in lake county nor am I in the system of lake county Superior court. They willing to confirm this with anyone asking. But they made it very clear I have not been arrested in lake county nor could I be find in lake county Superior criminal court.

I have obtained thru public records that there has been 1 success story by the name al validity whose fingerprints were denied but after showing expungemenr paperwork the sheriffs department was able to clear him.

I was advised by mireay g Turner to seek out Sheriff Bingham specifically to get him to reverse the decision on my background disqualification. I told her i wasnt comfortable with reaching out to sheriff bingham to get him to change his mind. Mireya did not ever ask to see my expungement paperwork since the revocation proceedings in June.

At this point I am unsure what I should do. The steps that have advised to me have all been exhausted. What else can I do to get the sheriffs department to recognize a court issued expunement if the officer in charge of the livescans refuses to acknowledge expungements? Community development has stated that background checks are outside their purview

Thank you  
Justin Quayle

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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NARRATIVE
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