

# *New cannabis ordinance could be ready in a month*

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Resurrection of a commercial cannabis cultivation ordinance could come before the Calaveras County Planning Commission in late August or the beginning of September.

Now that the General Plan update is nearing completion, District 5 Supervisor Benjamin Stopper at Tuesday's board meeting said he personally wanted to see a commercial cannabis cultivation proposal before the Planning Commission in August.

A majority of Calaveras County supervisors back in February instructed staff to begin working toward re-establishing commercial cannabis cultivation in the county.

County Counsel Megan Stedtfelt indicated county staff was close to having the proposal ready for consideration.

She "hoped" it would be ready to go to the Planning Commission in August or the beginning of September.

County Administrative Officer Albert Alt is expected to provide a date certain for when the new cannabis ordinance will go to the Planning Commission when supervisors meet again on July 23.

An urgency ordinance was passed in 2016 allowing for commercial cultivation of cannabis. However, it was overturned after two years by a new board and replaced with an outright ban.

Stopper and District 3 Supervisor Merita Callaway joined the board at the beginning of this year and along with District 2 Supervisor Jack Garamendi swung the board in favor of reconsidering legalizing commercial cannabis growing.