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BUREAU OF CANNABIS CONTROL ANNOUNCES CEQA PROPOSED PROGRAM STUDY RESULTS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP MEETINGS

SACRAMENTO – The Bureau of Cannabis Control released its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Proposed Program study to the public today.

As the lead agency under CEQA, the Bureau has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Proposed Program. Based on the findings of the IS/ND, the Bureau has determined that the Proposed Program would not have any significant effects on the environment.

The Bureau is developing regulations pursuant to the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) to establish a regulatory licensing and enforcement program (Proposed Program) for commercial cannabis distributors, retailers, testing laboratories and microbusinesses.

The overall purpose of the Proposed Program is to establish a regulatory licensing and enforcement program that ensures medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis activities are performed in a manner that protects the environment, commercial cannabis industry workers, the general public and complies with applicable laws.

The Bureau is making the IS/ND available for public review and will consider public comments regarding the content of the IS/ND.

The Bureau will also host three community workshop meetings to provide the public and regulatory agencies an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments on the IS/ND. These workshops will take place in Long Beach on September 18, Fresno on September 20 and Sacramento on September 21. All meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The formal comment period for the IS/ND for the Proposed Program begins on September 6 and ends at 5 p.m. on October 6.

More information on the upcoming workshop meetings, Initial Study results and Notice of Intent can be found at: <http://www.bcc.ca.gov/>.

Comments may be emailed to: BCC.CEQAcomments@dca.ca.gov.

For additional information about the Bureau of Cannabis Control, or to subscribe to email alerts to hear about updates as they become available, please visit our website - <http://www.bcc.ca.gov/>. For information on all three licensing authorities, please visit the state's cannabis web portal – cannabis.ca.gov.

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