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Brief County History

- **September 20, 2016**
 - Urgency Ordinance adopted prohibiting cannabis cultivation, except existing non-conforming operations who timely registered
- **November 27, 2017**
 - Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (LUO) and Business License Ordinance adopted
- **June 5, 2018**
 - County voters (76%) approve gross receipts Cannabis Business Tax
- **December 11, 2018**
 - Phase I amendments to LUO - Two new state license types
- **June 4, 2019**
 - Phase II amendments to LUO – Updated definitions
- **October 6, 2020**
 - Phase III amendments to LUO – Clean up items



Brief County History Cont'd

- In conjunction with adoption of the LUO, the Board also established a limited non-enforcement policy (“Abeyance Resolution”) for existing registered operations who were on compliant sites and pursuing land use permit approval (31 registrants on compliant sites)
- The most recent version of the Abeyance Resolution expired on June 30, 2020
- The LUO limits the number of permitted cannabis cultivation sites to 141
- This number relates to the number of registrants who originally identified themselves in their registrations as collective or cooperative operations under the previous Medical Marijuana Program Act
- Storefront retailers open to public not allowed, delivery only (i.e. non-storefront retailers)



Current Numbers

- Land Use Permit Applications Received = 160 projects
- Land Use Permit Applications Approved = 56 projects
- Land Use Permit Applications Denied = 6 projects
- Land Use Permit Applications Appealed = 16 projects
 - 9 appeals are pending
 - 2 projects were denied
 - 5 projects were approved (2 have been withdrawn after litigation filed, 2 lawsuits are still pending)



Current Numbers Cont'd

- 18 Projects are Operational (Approved Land Use Permit and Conditions of Approval Satisfied, Passed Local and State Background Check, Issued Business License, Issued State License, Reporting track and trace data to California Cannabis Authority, Reporting Cannabis Business Tax)
 - 10 Cultivation sites for a total 15 acres of approved canopy
 - 7 Delivery only (Non-storefront retailers)
 - 2 Manufacturers
 - 1 Distribution

