SLO County: Cannabis Land Use Permit Process

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Obtaining a Land Use Permit 2 -3 Years

Land Use Permit Application

- Submit Land Use Permit application package
- Submit applicable resource studies, such as biological resources assessments, archeological reports, water demand estimates, energy demand analysis, etc.
- Submit plan set.
- Other supplemental documentation (well reports, deed, lease, etc.).

County Review

- County has 30 days to issue an information hold or accept the project for processing.
- Applicant has 90 days to respond to information hold. Repeat until accepted for processing.
- Project is accepted for processing and an environmental determination is made under CEQA:
 - CE / MND / EIR

Hearing

- MUP = Planning Department Hearing.
- CUP = Planning Commission Hearing.
- Contentious MUP projects can be elevated to PC
- Project is approved or denied.
- 14-day appeal period.
- If appealed, project is scheduled for a Board of Supervisor Meeting
- Board decision can be legally challenged (CEQA)

Example Budget For Land Use Permit (does not include post approval requirements)

	Minor Use Permit Assumes MND as the CEQA Document	Conditional Use Permit Assumes MND as the CEQA Document
Land Use Permit Costs		
County Fees*	27,000.00	37,000.00
CEQA Recording Fee	2,300.00	2,300.00
Resource Studies and Plans**		
Site Survey	8,000.00	8,000.00
Geotechnical Report	8,000.00	8,000.00
Arborist	3,000.00	3,000.00
Bio Report	6,000.00	6,000.00
GHG	3,000.00	3,000.00
Energy	3,000.00	3,000.00
Arch Study	5,000.00	5,000.00
Traffic / RSA	2,000.00	2,000.00
Preliminary Grading / Drainage	8,000.00	8,000.00
Water Demand Analysis	2,500.00	2,500.00
Security Plan	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Protection Plan	3,000.00	3,000.00
Advisory Group - Outreach	5,000.00	10,000.00
Concept Architectural Package	20,000.00	20,000.00
Land Use	30,000.00	40,000.00
Total:	140,800.00	165,800.00
Add Appeal	30,000.00	30,000.00
Add EIR	100,000.00	100,000.00
*County fees are a deposit and staff time is Real Time Billed	d (RTB)	
**All Resuorce Studies costs are estimates		
Costs and application requirements vary per project		

Post Project Approval 6 – 9 Months

Conditions of Approval

- Applicant must complete <u>all</u> conditions of approval prior to starting any operations.
- Conditions of Approval can include building out the site, obtaining necessary building and grading permits and licenses, completing background checks with the Sheriff's Office, installing security monitoring equipment, etc.
- Conditions are project specific and can vary.

Building Permits

- Applicant must obtain building permits for new site development, as outlined in Title 19.
- Subconsultants, such as engineers and architects, are contracted to prepare permit packages.
- Permit packages are reviewed by Building staff. Plan check or permit is issued.
- Building inspector signs off on permit after construction.

State Licensing

- Applicant must coordinate with multiple state agencies.
- CDFW: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- RWQCB: Regional Water Quality Control Board
- CDFA: California Department of Food and Agriculture
- BCC: Bureau of Cannabis Control
- CDPH: California Department of Public Health