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DATE: June 5, 2023  
TO: Cannabis Department Staff/ Contact Planning Staff/ MCAQMD  
FROM: Elora Babbini, Chief Planner  
RE: AQMD Streamlining Review Process

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**PURPOSE**

Mendocino County Cannabis Department, herein further "MCD" is providing the following Memo for the review of the Air Quality Clearance Checklist. Mendocino County Code Section 10A.17.070 requires the following: CCBL Holders shall obtain as may be required all approvals and permits required by the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) pursuant to state and federal laws, MCAQMD regulations, adopted air quality plans, MCAQMD policies and other applicable statutes. Mendocino County Cannabis Staff will review information provided by the applicant on a form prescribed by MCD and will either provided clearance or provided the applicant information that they will need to contact MCAQMD if any further action is needed.

**DEFINITIONS**

"Cannabis Cultivation Business License" or "CCBL" means a business license issued to persons engaged in the cultivation of cannabis in Mendocino County pursuant to this Chapter

**ORDINANCE SECTION**

**10A.17.070 – Requirements for All CCBLs**

(U) CCBL Holders shall obtain as may be required all approvals and permits required by the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) pursuant to state and federal laws, MCAQMD regulations, adopted air quality plans, MCAQMD policies and other applicable statutes.

**STAFF INTERPRETATION**

Mendocino County Cannabis Department (MCD), will review information provided by the applicant on a form prescribed by MCD and will either provided clearance or provided the applicant information that they will need to contact MCAQMD if any further action is needed. The applicant will be required to contact MCAQMD for any further approvals and permits required by the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD) pursuant to state and federal laws, MCAQMD regulations, adopted air quality plans, MCAQMD policies and other applicable statutes. MCD staff will no longer be referring project to MCAQMD, once MCD staff reviews materials submitted by the applicant, staff will make the following determinations: If the applicant selected "no" to all of the criteria listed in the questionnaire, and the cultivation site is not located in a Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) area, the signed questionnaire form is the applicant's clearance, and no further action is required from MCAQMD. If the applicant is in a Naturally

Occurring Asbestos (NOA) area and/or selected "yes" to any of the questionnaire criteria, MCD staff will provide the signed questionnaire form to the applicant to obtain all approvals and permits from MCAQMD. MCD staff does not require any further materials from the applicant once internal review is completed and applicant notified of determination.

MACAQM staff will process any referrals that have been sent to the MCAQMD, all current reviews will utilize the new streamlining review process. No additional referrals will be sent to MCAQMD.

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Date: 6/9/2023