

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the County's Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Applicant Selection Process and provided questions, comments, and feedback regarding the proposed process.

Over the past several months, the County has continued its public outreach regarding the proposed applicant selection process. The Board of Supervisors consideration of the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Request for Applicants (RFA) and Application Evaluation Scorecard, originally scheduled for July 14, 2026, was rescheduled to October 6, 2026, to provide additional time for continued public outreach and opportunities for community engagement.

As part of that continued outreach, the County conducted a Community Information Session in Soda Springs on July 2, 2026, and a Community Information Session in North San Juan on August 27, 2026. These meetings provided an opportunity for community members to learn more about the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Applicant Selection Process, the role of the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee, how prospective applicants would be reviewed and scored, the distinction between selecting a qualified applicant and approving a specific dispensary location, the subsequent discretionary Use Permit process, anticipated next steps, and opportunities for continued public participation. The meetings also provided an opportunity for community members to ask questions, provide comments, and discuss their concerns directly with County staff and their respective representatives on the Board of Supervisors.

The County has also continued to receive written public comments and correspondence, including comments from residents and property owners in Nevada County and the greater Donner Summit area regarding public outreach and notice, the applicant selection process, environmental review, financial considerations, public safety, proximity to schools, and coordination with neighboring Placer County communities. County staff has reviewed the comments received and has prepared additional information and responses to provide factual background and clarification regarding the issues that have been raised.

As an additional transparency measure, the County is posting written public comments received to date regarding the applicant selection process on the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee webpage, along with additional information and responses regarding the issues raised. The posting of public comments is intended to provide the community with access to the feedback received by the County and should not be interpreted as County endorsement or agreement with the statements or positions expressed in individual comments.

Additional information, including meeting materials, the Request for Applicants, Application Evaluation Scorecard, public comments, and other information regarding the process, is available on the County's Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee webpage: [Nevada County Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Application Evaluation Committee](#)

The proposed Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Request for Applicants and Application Evaluation Scorecard are scheduled to be considered by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, in Truckee. At that meeting, the Board will consider whether to approve the proposed Request for Applicants and Application Evaluation Scorecard. If approved by the Board, staff would proceed with releasing the Request for Applicants and opening the application period in accordance with the approved process and timeline.

Approval from the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the Request for Applicants would begin the competitive process for evaluating and ranking prospective applicants; it would not approve a dispensary or authorize a specific cannabis dispensary location. The highest-ranked applicant selected through the competitive process would subsequently be required to proceed through the separate discretionary Use Permit process, including site-specific review, before a specific dispensary location could receive land-use approval. The Use Permit process would provide additional opportunities for public notice, review, and comment regarding the specific location proposed by the selected applicant.

The Nevada County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will publish and distribute the agenda for the October 6 meeting once it is available for publication. The agenda will include the meeting location and information regarding how members of the public may participate. Information regarding the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and its meetings is available here: [Nevada County Board of Supervisors](#)

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend the October 6 Board of Supervisors meeting and provide public comment regarding the proposed applicant selection process. Written public comments may also be submitted in advance of the meeting. All written public comments received will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration. County staff will continue to compile and review comments received so that the Board has the benefit of the community feedback received when considering the proposed applicant selection process and determining the appropriate next steps.

In addition to the opportunities to participate through the Board meeting and written public comments, Supervisor Hardy Bullock (District V) and Supervisor Sue Hoek (District IV) are available to meet with interested community members who would like an opportunity to discuss the Commercial Cannabis Dispensary Applicant Selection Process, ask questions, or share their comments and concerns directly. If you or other members of the community would like to meet with Supervisor Bullock or Supervisor Hoek, please let me know and I would be happy to assist in coordinating a meeting.

Thank you again to everyone who has taken the time to attend the community meetings, submit written comments, ask questions, and participate in this process. We appreciate the community's continued engagement and will continue to provide information as we prepare for the October 6 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the applicant selection process or the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you,



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