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County will propose allowing two medical cannabis dispensaries in unincorporated area



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The Ventura County Board of Supervisors will discuss a “conceptual” outline of medical cannabis regulations for the unincorporated areas of Ventura County March 21.

County staff has proposed the supervisors allow for no more than two medical marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated areas. The county would allow a licensed dispensary to deliver their product to qualified patients. Visit here to see the proposed guidelines.

“By limiting it to two dispensaries, there's going to be way more demand than supply,” said Chelsea Sutula, CEO of the Sespe Creek Collective. “They're going to be creating the situation they're hoping to avoid, which is long lines out the door.”

The Sespe Creek Collective served Ventura County patients before it was raided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) in November 2016.

Sutula believes five or six dispensaries would be more reasonable for the unincorporated areas.

“There are a lot of people who are qualified medical cannabis patients in the county,” she said.

The city of Ojai will allow for three medical marijuana dispensaries and three delivery services; the city was recently inundated with license applications.

See also: City gets 22 pot applications Ojai Valley News, Feb. 16, 2017.

Ojai City Manager Steve McClary will provide an update on the applications during the Ojai City Council meeting April 11, he confirmed.

The Sespe Creek Collective has applied to operate as both dispensary and delivery service in Ojai.

And Ojai isn't the only Ventura County city venturing into the business of medical cannabis – Port Huenene formed an ad-hoc cannabis exploratory committee in December 2016.

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors will convene at 8:30 a.m. March 21 in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 800 S. Victoria Ave., in Ventura. The medical cannabis item is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. discussion.

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