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MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATORS REACH OUT TO INDUSTRY HOSTING INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

SACRAMENTO—Today, in a packed Capitol room, staff from the California Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation (Bureau) fielded questions and noted concerns and feedback from a variety of stakeholders on building the regulatory framework for medical cannabis.

It was one in an ongoing series of sessions in which Bureau representatives have been traveling to various regions in the state to provide information to the public about the Bureau and the regulatory process. The Bureau was previously in Oakland and Orange County. Representatives from California's departments of Public Health and Food and Agriculture were also on hand today, as they will each play a role in implementing the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

Bureau Chief Lori Ajax, appointed February 4, 2016, to launch the state's first regulating entity for medical cannabis, explained that the sessions were a critical step in a series of four development phases: hiring staff, drafting regulations, developing the information technology, and licensing and enforcement.

"The goal for all these sessions is to introduce the Bureau and tell you what we are working on and hear from you," said Ajax. "Hearing and learning directly from our stakeholders will help ensure we have the essential feedback to develop a solid regulatory framework that's appropriate for California's robust medical cannabis business."

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for the following dates.

- Los Angeles - Monday, May 9, 2016 - Junipero Serra Building, 320 W. Fourth St, Los Angeles, CA 90013
 - [Registration for Session 1, 1:30-2:45 p.m.](#)
 - [Registration for Session 2, 3:15-4:30 p.m.](#)

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- North Coast - Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D Street, Arcata, CA 95521
 - o [Registration for Session 1, 4:30-5:45 p.m.](#)
 - o [Registration for Session 2, 6:15-7:30 p.m.](#)
- San Francisco – Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – San Francisco Police Department Headquarters, 1245 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA 94158
 - o [Registration for Session 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m.](#)
 - o [Registration for Session 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m.](#)

Additional sessions—locations, dates and times to be announced—will also be held in Riverside, San Diego and the Central Coast region. For updates as they become available, visit <http://bmmr.dca.ca.gov/meetings/index.shtml> and sign up for email alerts at <https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bmmr/subscribe.php>.

In 2015, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law three bills (Assembly Bills 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643) that create a licensing and regulatory framework for medical marijuana through the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

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