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MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATORS ANNOUNCE DATES AND CITIES FOR PRE-REGULATORY MEETINGS

SACRAMENTO—The California Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation (BMCR) will hold a series of pre-regulatory meetings along with the California Department of Public Health to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in discussions on specific topics regarding dispensaries, distributors, manufacturers, testing laboratories and transporters.

Dates and locations are:

- Redding – Monday, September 19
- Sacramento – Tuesday, September 20
- Santa Rosa – Thursday, September 22
- Oakland – Monday, September 26
- Fresno – Tuesday, September 27
- Los Angeles – Tuesday, October 4
- San Diego – Wednesday, October 5

All meetings will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“We’re looking forward to continuing our engagement with stakeholders and gathering specific input on future regulations,” said Bureau Chief Lori Ajax. “All agencies are working collaboratively with local government, law enforcement, patients and the industry to develop a comprehensive regulatory system to ensure the protection of the public, patients and the environment.”

The meetings follow a series of informational sessions in which BMCR representatives travelled to various regions in the state to provide information to the public about the Bureau and the regulatory process.

Information on exact locations and addresses will be announced at a later date. The public can sign up for email alerts at www.bmcr.ca.gov.

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In 2015 and 2016, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law four bills (2015 - Assembly Bills 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643, 2016 – Senate Bill 837) that create a licensing and regulatory framework for medical cannabis through the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act. It is anticipated that the regulations will be developed by January 1, 2018.

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) promotes and protects the interests of California consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace. The department also protects professionals (licensees) from unfair competition by unlicensed practitioners. Consumers can file complaints against licensees by contacting DCA at (800) 952-5210. Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.dca.ca.gov.

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