

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BALLOT QUESTION 2:
THE REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA ACT
TRANSPORTATION/ STORAGE/ DISPOSAL WORKING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Nevada Department of Taxation
Large Conference Room
1550 College Parkway
Carson City, Nevada

Nevada Department of Taxation
Training Room
2550 Paseo Verde Parkway, Suite 180
Henderson, Nevada

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Tom Robinson, Chair
Dr. John DiMuro, Chair
Brett Scolari
Shellie Hughes
Margaret ("Peggy") Arquilla
Tim Conder
Kurt Brown
Joe Pollock
Mike Harwell
David Witkowski

Members Absent:

Nelson Araujo
Bob Brown

The meeting was called to order at: 12:34 p.m.

I. Public Comment.

Ken Twiddy - We have been transporting products since 2015 without incident. A digital copy of travel manifests is not a good idea for law enforcement. If someone is pulled over, a physical copy is better. Question 2 was voted in to provide medical marijuana and recreational marijuana safely.

Jason Sturtsman, of Little River Marijuana Dispensary and an ILAC member, stated cannabis labs cannot currently pick-up. Please consider making changes to allow labs to pick-up under recreational cannabis.

Armen Yemenidjian is on the cultivation working group. Mr. Yemenidjian thanked the working group and mentioned medical marijuana establishments have been successfully delivering product. It makes no sense to have an intermediary because the product then

changes hands one more time. Mr. Yemenidjian asked how it would work if a cultivation and production facility is in the same building. We can only produce and distribute within our own state lines. We have done this successfully without issues.

Chad Christensen of Pisos Dispensary located at 4110 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, commented on legislative intent. Fermented or a mold grown products like beer should not be in contact with a product like cannabis. Any cross contamination would make product not pass lab testing.

Frank Hawkins of the Nevada Wellness Center, stated dispensaries can currently deliver to patients. Mr. Hawkins asked to allow dispensaries to pick up from cultivators, not only for dispensaries, but if a group of dispensaries get together they should be allowed to deliver to other retail locations.

Vicki Higgins agrees with Armen Yemenidjian. There are things in place and they could run contrary.

An unknown caller fully supports the comments from Armen Yemenidjian and Chad Christensen. This would have a devastating impact on our company and business. The Department has done a great job putting together an early start program.

II. Introductions.

The members introduced themselves to the working group.

III. Re-approval of Draft Recommendations Due to Non-compliance with Open Meeting Law 3/20 and 3/27 meeting.

Anna Thornley informed the members there was an open meeting law violation with regard to a name and phone number being left off of the first two meeting agendas. The Attorney General has informed the Department no corrective action is needed.

A. Commercial Transportation and Storage – Operational Requirements

Draft recommendation presented by S. Hughes, K. Brown and T. Conder
Tim Conder, Kurt Brown, Shellie Hughes and Brett Scolari will continue to work on the commercial transportation and storage recommendation and prepare it to be presented to the Task Force.

B. Storage Requirements

Draft recommendation presented by J. Pollock and T. Conder
The Task Force returned this recommendation to the working group due to a concern regarding time of storage. This recommendation will be resubmitted to the Task Force with an intent statement.

IV. Review of Draft Recommendation from Transportation / Storage / Disposal Working Group presentation to the Task Force.

C. Storage Requirements

Draft recommendation presented to the Task Force on March 31, 2017

D. Commercial Transportation and Storage – Operational Requirements

Draft recommendation presented to the Task Force on March 31, 2017

V. Review and Consideration of Approval of Draft Recommendations from Transportation / Storage / Disposal Working Group.

A. Application Process for a Distributor License

Draft recommendation presented by J. Pollock, B. Scolari and K. Brown
Joe Pollock, Brett Scolari, Kurt Brown and Peggy Arquilla volunteered to draft a recommendation for distributor licensing.

VI. Review of Transportation/ Storage/ Disposal Working Group Topics (for possible action).

- A. Commercial Transportation and Storage
- B. Application Process
- C. Ownership Interest
- D. Local Jurisdiction Involvement
- E. Public Health and Safety
- F. Disposal of MJ, Products, Waste

Dr. DiMuro asked how disposal is currently being done. Tim Conder stated Blackbird does not currently dispose of products. Brett Scolari stated that Trek puts all disposal responsibility on the cultivator. Brett Scolari stated that in addition to the NAC requirements, there are also local government requirements.

Eric Anderson of the Clark County Health District is working on gathering information with regard to disposal. Dr. DiMuro has spoken with a toxicologist with regard to marijuana disposal.

Brett Scolari suggested that the cultivation working group should also work on disposal.

Disposal will be discussed further at the next working group meeting.

- G. Environmental Industry Impacts
- H. Delivery
- I. Distribution Centers

VII. Review and Consideration for Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting (for possible action).

A draft recommendation for the transportation and storage requirements will be drafted by Tim Conder, Kurt Brown, Shellie Hughes and Brett Scolari.

A draft recommendation for storage requirements will be resubmitted to the Task Force with an intent statement added.

A recommendation for distributor license requirements will be drafted by Joe Pollock, Brett Scolari, Kurt Brown and Peggy Arquilla.

Tim Conder made a motion to approve the above agenda items for the next working group and Task Force meetings. Shellie Hughes seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

VIII. Public Comment.

Alan Nassau of Red Rock Wines stated that in a meeting with Anna Thornley, she stated there are 13 alcohol distributors that were interested in being licensed. Red Rock Wines contacted the Department of Taxation with interest. There was not a requirement to submit

interest in writing. It was mentioned that there are hurdles to overcome, which there are. Question 2 stated that alcohol distributors should have the first shot at becoming licensed distributors. This is the will of the people. Armen Yemenidjian mentioned that it would put additional costs on the medical marijuana establishments. This is all about money. The alcohol distributors adding a fee is not going to add an undue financial burden.

John Ritter stated that he agrees with the contingency issues with regard to storage. If the buildings are next to each other or very close by, it seems strange to have a trip manifest. Mr. Ritter supported comments with regard to disposal. A company that Mr. Ritter is associated with mixes the product with soil for disposal.

Mona Lisa Samuelson – this is Ms. Samuelson’s favorite work group. Thank you.

Sherri McMahon with the City of Las Vegas, commented regarding the regulations and local jurisdictions.

Ben with the Oasis Medical Cannabis Dispensary located at 1800 Industrial Road, Las Vegas, NV. When you determine who is allowed to distribute, please include dispensaries. Please be open-minded as to who is allowed to apply. Everyone involved is doing a wonderful job.

Vicki Higgins thanked the working group from the patients.

IX. Adjourned at 2:32 p.m.