1. Working group name:

*Cultivation Working Group*

1. Individual sponsor(s):

*Lynn Hettrick – Division Administrator - Nevada Department of Agriculture*

*Tessa Rognier – Agriculturist III - Nevada Department of Agriculture*

1. Describe the recommendation:

*The recommendation is to establish guidelines for a buffer zone of at least five miles between Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation and Industrial Hemp Field Cultivation. It will be necessary for the Nevada Department of Agriculture to be informed during the application process for Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation sites, industrial hemp or adult cannabis, of the proposed location to ensure there is an adequate buffer zone to prevent cross pollination of the two outdoor crops.*

1. Which guiding principle(s) does this recommendation support?

*Guiding Principle 2 - Be responsive to the needs and issues of consumers, non-consumers, local governments and the industry*

*Guiding Principle 6 - Establish regulations that are clear and practical, so that interactions between law enforcement, consumers, and licensees are predictable and understandable*

*Guiding Principle 7 - Take action that is faithful to the text of Question 2*

1. What provision(s) of Question 2 does this recommendation apply to?

*The provisions of Question 2 that allow for Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation, as opposed to Medical Cultivation which must be inside a warehouse or greenhouse facility.*

*Section 13, Subsection 2: All cultivation, processing, and manufacture of marijuana must take place at a physical address approved by the Department and within an area that is enclosed and locked in a manner that restricts access only to persons authorized to access the area. The area may be uncovered only if it is enclosed with security fencing that is designed to prevent unauthorized entry and that is at least 8 feet high.*

1. What issue(s) does the recommendation resolve?

*The issue is of cross pollination that may occur between male industrial hemp species with less than 0.3% THC that produce pollen, and female cannabis plants cultivated for medicinal/adult consumption.*

*This recommendation also would prevent the possibility of female hemp species with less than 0.3% THC being pollinated by cannabis plants cultivated for medicinal/adult consumption that contain more than 0.3% THC.*

1. Was there dissent in the group regarding this recommendation? If yes, please provide a summary of the dissenting opinion regarding the recommendation.

*No, everyone in the working group was in agreement there should be regulations set in place to prevent both of the fore mentioned situations.*

1. What action(s) will be necessary to adopt the recommendation? Will statute, policy, regulations, etc. need to be addressed?

*Recommendation to add the following into regulation for retail marijuana:*

*Outdoor cannabis cultivation areas are required to be isolated at least 5 miles from another outdoor cannabis facility, to prevent cross pollination between male and female cannabis plants. Cannabis cultivation is defined as industrial hemp cultivation or outdoor cannabis cultivation. The Department may consider a variance relating to isolation distances of indoor and outdoor cultivation facilities.*

***Application for certification of location Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation***

*1. For each planting location, an applicant must submit to the Department an application for verification of adequate isolation.*

 *2. Each application must:*

 *(a) Be on a form obtained from the Department;*

 *(b) Include documentation that verifies the eligibility of the outdoor cultivation;*

 *(d) Include a map and/or GPS co-ordinates that shows the location of the outdoor cultivation;*

 *(e) Include any other information requested by the Department;*

*(f) Be received and approved by the Department before the outdoor cultivation area is planted;*

1. Additional information (cost of implementation, priority according to the recommendations, etc).

*None*