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Butte County Receives a Petition for a Referendum on the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

News Release

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Oroville, CA – Butte County officials announced that they have received a referendum petition to put the recently adopted Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance to the voters of Butte County. The required number of valid signatures for the petition to qualify was 7,605. The County received 12,308.

Due to submission of the referendum petition, the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance will not go into effect on June 23, 2011 as scheduled and will remain suspended pending the following actions:

- Within 30 days from the date of filing the petition (excluding weekends and holidays) the Clerk-Recorder will examine the petition to ascertain if the petition is signed by the requisite number of voters.
- If the petition is found to be insufficient, the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance will go into effect immediately.
- If the petition is found to be sufficient, the Clerk-Recorder will certify the signatures to the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.
- Upon certification of the petition, the Board of Supervisors can either repeal the ordinance or submit the ordinance to the voters either at a special election called for that purpose or the next regularly scheduled County election occurring not less than 88 days after the date of the Board action.

If the Board of Supervisors does not entirely repeal the ordinance and submits the ordinance for a vote, it will remain suspended until the election. If a majority of the voters approve the ordinance, it will go into effect 10 days after the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors. If the voters reject the ordinance, it will not take effect.

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