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## California Medical Marijuana Regulations For Commercial Landlords—Still A Long Way to Go

Recently, Lori Ajax, the Chief of the recently created [Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation](#) (they call it “Bummer”) was in Santa Ana to answer questions and receive public comment on the regulations that they will be creating to implement the [new Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act](#).

At this point the entire Bureau has only 3 1/2 employees, so they really were not able to answer any substantive questions about the regulations. The regulations are due to be implemented on January 1, 2018 after public comment and approval by the Dept. of Consumer Affairs (after coordination with the State Dept. of Agriculture, Health & Safety, Water Boards and Dept. of Equalization). Good luck with that deadline projection.

Of interest to municipalities was that, the speakers made the point that “local control is the cornerstone of the legislation bureau and we need to stay true to that.” Cities will continue to be allowed to promulgate zoning codes for their jurisdictions. Look for marijuana shop advocates to argue that the new regulations should override the zoning designations.

It should be noted that most of the approximately 300 attendees were serious business people who are anxious to see regulations in place so they can be in the first wave of this profitable new industry.

An audience member asked how the Bureau’s regulations will be affected if the voters legalize marijuana for recreational use in November. The Chief responded, “We were told to stay ‘nimble.’” That is also good advice for all commercial property owners.

Hart|King will continue to monitor the changing landscape in this area to

advise commercial property owners how they can meet the requirements of this emerging legislation.

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