



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

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February 4, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY

CC Ranch Enterprise Co.
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Re: CC Ranch Enterprise Co. - Case No. DCC25-00005-CON
Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order
as Final Decision

Dear Mr. Elie:

Pursuant to section 11415.60 of the Government Code, attached please find a copy of the Department of Cannabis Control's Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order as the Final Decision in the above-referenced matter involving CC Ranch Enterprise Co.

The Department's Order and Final Decision will be effective today, February 4, 2026. As per the Condemnation Order, the three (3) dates available within the fifteen-day (15) period for the Department's designee to observe the destruction and disposal of Respondent's cannabis and cannabis products are: February 10 - 12, 2026 or February 17 - 19, 2026. Please contact the Department's designee to schedule the date and time.

Contact: Special Investigator Karina Duenas
Compliance Division
Email: karina.duenas@cannabis.ca.gov
Work Cell: (213) 215-6507

Pursuant to this Final Decision and its stipulated settlement, CC Ranch Enterprise Co. has waived any right to reconsideration or appeal in this matter and to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

Sincerely,

Marc LeForestier
General Counsel

Enclosure

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 8 **BEFORE THE**
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 9 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 In the Matter of the Proceeding for
 11 Condemnation of Embargoed Cannabis
 Product(s) Against:

Case No. DCC25-00005-CON

12 **CC RANCH ENTERPRISE CO.**
 13 **FOREST ELIE, DRP/OWNER**
 14 **2507 & 2515 Clover Valley Road**
Upper Lake, CA 95485

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
 CONDEMNATION ORDER**

15 **Cultivation - Medium Outdoor License**
 16 **No. CCL20-0002067**

17 Respondent.

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 19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
 20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) is the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division
 23 of the Department of Cannabis Control (Department). She brought this Condemnation Action
 24 solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of
 25 the State of California, by Harinder K. Kapur, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent CC Ranch Enterprise Co.(Respondent) is represented in this proceeding
 27 by attorney Robert J. Molineaux, whose address is: 2751 4th St, #283, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-
 28 4726. Respondent is acting in this proceeding through Forest Elie, Owner, who has been

1 designated and authorized by Respondent to enter into this agreement on its behalf (hereafter
2 Authorized Representative).

3 3. On or about February 11, 2021, the Department issued Cannabis Cultivation -
4 Medium Outdoor License No. CCL20-0002067 to Respondent. The Cannabis Cultivation -
5 Medium Outdoor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
6 in Condemnation Action No. DCC25-00005-CON, and will expire on February 11, 2026, unless
7 renewed.

8 **JURISDICTION**

9 4. Condemnation Action No. DCC25-00005-CON was filed before the Department and
10 is currently pending against Respondent. The Condemnation Action and all other statutorily
11 required documents were properly served on Respondent on December 9, 2025. Respondent
12 timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Condemnation Action.

13 5. A true and correct copy of Condemnation Action No. DCC25-00005-CON is attached
14 as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

15 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

16 6. Respondent through its Authorized Representative has carefully read, fully discussed
17 with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Condemnation Action
18 No. DCC25-00005-CON. Respondent through its Authorized Representative has also carefully
19 read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
20 Condemnation Order.

21 7. Respondent through its Authorized Representative is fully aware of its legal rights in
22 this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Condemnation
23 Action; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against it; the right to present
24 evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the
25 attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court
26 review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative
27 Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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1 for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the
2 Department shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

3 **OTHER MATTERS**

4 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
5 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order, including PDF and facsimile
6 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

7 15. This Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order may be signed in any number of
8 counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which taken together form one single
9 document.

10 16. This Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order is intended by the parties to be
11 an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their
12 agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings,
13 discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and
14 Condemnation Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise
15 changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

16 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
17 the Department may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
18 Condemnation Order:

19 **CONDEMNATION ORDER**

20 1. **WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL:** Respondent's appeal of Condemnation Action
21 No. DCC25-00005-CON and request for administrative hearing is deemed withdrawn and any
22 further appeal is waived.

23 2. **DESTRUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF EMBARGOED CANNABIS:**

24 Within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of the Decision and Order, Respondent shall
25 destroy and dispose of the listed cannabis and cannabis products detailed below in a manner, time
26 and location mutually agreed upon between the Respondent and the Department. The Department
27 will provide Respondent with three (3) dates that fall within the fifteen (15) day period upon
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1 which the Department’s designee will be available to observe and document the destruction and
 2 disposal of the following cannabis and cannabis products:

	CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCT NAME AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY/ UNIT TYPE
1	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.4 lbs.
2	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.92 lbs.
3	Cannabis flower: 6 turkey bags inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	15.66 lbs.
4	Cannabis flower inside a brown box Strain: “LCG”	6.42 lbs.
5	Cannabis flower: 9 turkey bags inside a black bin Strain “27 WZ”	11.36 lbs.
6	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “PIPI ZGM”	18.60 lbs.
7	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “MERINO”	18.64 lbs.
8	Cannabis flower inside a black tote Strain: “JOSE BLACK CHERRY”	16.70 lbs
9	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “PIPIZ PRE”	13.10 lbs.
10	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	10 lbs.
11	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	11.02 lbs.
12	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “MERINO”	18.52 lbs.
13	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.24 lbs.
14	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	18.60 lbs.
15	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “TONA”	9.46 lbs.
16	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “MERINO”	18.60 lbs.
17	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	18.50 lbs.
18	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	9.66 lbs.
19	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	17.20 lbs.
20	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: “CESAR”	16.71 lbs.
21	Cannabis flower inside a black bin strain: “PIPI-Z BLACK CHERRY”	5.90 lbs.
22	Cannabis flower inside black open oil container Strain: no strain identified	6 lbs.

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23	Cannabis kief inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	31.96 lbs.
24	Cannabis trim inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	29.20 lbs.
25	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: BCG SHAKE	12 lbs.
26	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	17.18 lbs.
27	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "ICE CREAM"	15.50 lbs.
28	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "CESAR GM"	24.54 lbs.
29	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "TONA"	18.30 lbs.
30	Cannabis flower inside a green bucket Strain: no strain identified	4.62 lbs.
31	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "AJSD"	12.60 lbs.
32	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "PRE 64 SHAKE"	11.26 lbs.
33	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "BCG SHAKE"	10.08 lbs.
34	Cannabis seeds Strain: PURP WA, SP X F2, GELATO X TM, FROSTED IN	4 baggies
35	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPIZ CARBON"	18.66 lbs.
36	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICE CREAM PIPIZ"	18.26 lbs.
37	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "DB"	14.20 lbs.
38	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICE CREAM PIPI"	15.70 lbs.
39	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "DB"	19.86 lbs.
40	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC PP"	19.60 lbs.
41	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	13.78 lbs.
42	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	14.82 lbs.
43	Cannabis (untrimmed) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC"	12.44 lbs.
44	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM"	13.86 lbs.
45	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PP SCARFACE"	15.72 lbs.
46	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "AJSB PP SCARFACE"	18.11 lbs.
47	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "SANTOS"	11.32 lbs.

1	48	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	15.08 lbs.
2	49	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "HJSD"	14.98 lbs.
3	50	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "CARBON FIBER LSG ICE PIPI"	18.52 lbs.
4	51	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI ICE"	16 lbs.
5	52	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GP"	15.54 lbs.
6	53	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPIZ CARBON"	19.86 lbs.
7	54	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "CABRON PIPI"	19.84 lbs.
8	55	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	22.44 lbs.
9	56	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM"	13.98 lbs.
10	57	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain	14.02 lbs.
11	58	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI CARBON"	13.48 lbs.
12	59	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM AJSD"	13.40 lbs.
13	60	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC"	8.72 lbs.
14	61	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	17.78 lbs.
15	62	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PP ICE CREAM"	14.18 lbs.
16	63	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI CARBON"	19.04 lbs.
17	64	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain	15.34 lbs.
18	65	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	19.54 lbs.
19	66	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a black tote Strain: "PRGM SALVATORE"	13.12 lbs.
20	67	Cannabis (processed) inside a black tote Strain: no strain identified	24.74 lbs.
21	68	Cannabis (processed) inside a black tote Strain: no strain identified	15.34 lbs.
22	69	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	31.52 lbs.
23	70	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	82.5 lbs.
24	71	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	61.25 lbs.
25	72	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	44.24 lbs.
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73	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	36.1lbs.
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3. **PAYMENT OF COSTS:** Respondent shall pay costs in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Eight Cents (\$9,543.08). The payment of costs shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision and Condemnation Order.

4. The above referenced payment, in the form of cashier’s check, money order, personal or business check, shall be remitted by either of the following methods: (1) the Department of Cannabis Control’s cash payment procedures; or (2) mailed to:

By U.S. Postal Service:
Department of Cannabis Control
Attn: Cashiers
P.O. Box 419106
Ranch Cordova, CA 95741-9106

OR

By FedEx or UPS:
Department of Cannabis Control
Attn: Cashiers
2920 Kilgore Road
Ranch Cordova, CA 95741-9106

5. Failure to complete the payment or comply with the terms of this Order shall result in disciplinary action or non-renewal of Respondent’s Cannabis Cultivation – Medium Indoor License No. CCL20-0002067 and denial of any other license sought, as the Department deems appropriate. Additionally, failure to complete the payment shall result in Respondent’s immediate obligation and responsibility to pay the full amount of the Department’s costs of investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26039.3, in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Eight Cents (\$9,543.08) less any partial payments received prior to the failure to complete payments or comply with the terms of this Order and will result in enforcement of the Order in the Superior Court.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Robert J. Molineaux. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on Cultivation - Medium Outdoor License No. CCL20-0002067. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 1/28/2026 | 46 AM PST

DocuSigned by:
Forest Mkola Elie
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CC RANCH ENTERPRISE CO;
FOREST ELIE,
OWNER/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent CC Ranch Enterprise Co; with Forest Elie, Owner and Authorized Representative, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 1/29/2026

ROBERT J. MOLINEAUX
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Condemnation Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: January 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California

HARINDER K. KAPUR
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Exhibit A

Condemnation Action No. DCC25-00005-CON

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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Proceeding for
12 Condemnation of Embargoed Cannabis
Against:

13 **CC RANCH ENTERPRISE CO**
14 **Forest Elie, Owner**
15 **2507 & 2515 Clover Valley Rd.**
16 **Upper Lake, CA 95485**

17 **Cultivation - Medium Outdoor License**
18 **No. CCL20-0002067**

19 Respondent.

Case No. DCC25-00006-CON

**CONDEMNATION OF EMBARGOED
CANNABIS**

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this Proceeding for Condemnation solely in
22 her official capacity as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of
23 Cannabis Control (Department).

24 2. On or about February 11, 2021, the Department issued Cultivation - Medium Outdoor
25 License No. CCL20-0002067 to Respondent CC Ranch Enterprise Co (Respondent) with Forest
26 Elie, Owner (Owner Elie). The Cultivation - Medium Outdoor License was in full force and
27 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 11, 2026,
28 unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

3. This Proceeding for Condemnation is brought before the Office of Administrative Hearings, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 26010 of the Code states:

There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the department.

5. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division.

6. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew, discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity.

7. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Those rules and regulations shall be consistent with the purposes and intent of the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

8. Section 26039.3, subdivision (f), of the Code states:

(f) The department may condemn cannabis or a cannabis product under the provisions of this section. A proceeding for condemnation shall be subject to appropriate notice to, and the opportunity for a hearing with regard to, the person or licensee affected in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(1) Upon a finding by the administrative law judge that the cannabis or cannabis product is adulterated or misbranded, or that its sale is otherwise in violation of this division, the administrative law judge may direct the cannabis or cannabis product to be destroyed at the expense of the licensee or product owner and under the supervision of the department. The licensee or owner of the affected cannabis or cannabis product shall pay fees and reasonable costs, including the costs of storage, testing, and supervision, incurred by the department in investigating and prosecuting the action taken pursuant to this section.

1 (2) Upon a finding by the administrative law judge that the adulteration or
2 misbranding can be corrected by proper labeling or additional processing of the
3 cannabis or cannabis product and that all provisions of this division can be complied
with, the administrative law judge may direct the cannabis or cannabis products to be
brought into compliance under the department's supervision. . .

4 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

5 9. Section 26039.1 of the Code states:

6 (a) When the department has evidence that cannabis or a cannabis product is
7 adulterated or misbranded, the department shall notify the licensee. The licensee may
8 conduct a voluntary recall of the affected cannabis or cannabis product and may
remediate the cannabis or cannabis product, if approved by the department, or shall
9 destroy the affected cannabis or cannabis product under the supervision of the
department.

10 (b) The department may issue a mandatory recall order and require the licensee
to immediately cease distribution of cannabis or a cannabis product and recall the
11 cannabis or cannabis product if the department determines both of the following:

12 (1) The cultivation, manufacture, distribution, or sale of the cannabis or
cannabis product creates or poses an immediate and serious threat to human life or
13 health.

14 (2) Other procedures available to the department to remedy or prevent the
occurrence of the situation would result in an unreasonable delay.

15 (c) The department shall provide the licensee an opportunity for an informal
16 proceeding on the matter, as determined by the department, within five days, on the
actions required by the order and on why the cannabis or cannabis product should not
17 be recalled. Following the proceeding, the order shall be affirmed, modified, or set
aside as determined appropriate by the department.

18 (d) The department's powers set forth in this section expressly include the
19 power to order movement, segregation, isolation, or destruction of cannabis or
cannabis products, as well as the power to hold cannabis or cannabis products in
20 place.

21 (e) If the department determines it is necessary, it may issue the mandatory
recall order, may conduct the recall, and may use all appropriate measures to obtain
22 reimbursement from the licensee for any and all costs associated with these orders.
All funds obtained by the department from these efforts shall be deposited in the
23 Cannabis Control Fund, and shall be available for use by the department upon
appropriation by the Legislature.

24 (f) It is unlawful to move or allow to be moved cannabis or a cannabis product
25 subject to an order issued pursuant to this section unless that person has first obtained
written authorization from the department.

26 10. Section 26039.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

27 (a) If the department finds or has probable cause to believe that cannabis or a
28 cannabis product is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this division, or the
sale of the cannabis or cannabis product would be in violation of this division, the

1 department shall affix to the cannabis or cannabis product, or component thereof, a tag or
2 other appropriate marking. The department shall give notice that the cannabis or cannabis
3 product is, or is suspected of being, adulterated or misbranded, or the sale of the cannabis or
4 cannabis product would be in violation of this division and has been embargoed and that the
cannabis or cannabis product shall not be removed or disposed of by sale or otherwise until
permission for removal or disposal is given by the department or a court.

5 (b)(1) It is unlawful to remove, sell, or dispose of embargoed cannabis or an
6 embargoed cannabis product without written permission of the department or a court. The
7 removal, sale, or disposal of each item of embargoed cannabis or cannabis product without
8 written permission of the department constitutes a violation of this subdivision. A violation
9 of this subdivision is subject to a citation and fine of not more than ten thousand dollars
10 (\$10,000).

11 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a licensed cultivator may request permission for
12 the continued cultivation or harvesting of the cannabis subject to embargo. The department
13 may authorize, and may impose conditions on, the continued cultivation or harvesting of
14 the cannabis subject to embargo.

15 (c) If the adulteration or misbranding can be corrected by proper labeling or
16 additional processing of the cannabis or cannabis product and all of the provisions of this
17 division can be complied with, the licensee may request that the department remove the tag
18 or other marking to permit correction. If, under the supervision of the department, the
19 adulteration or misbranding has been corrected, the department may remove the tag or other
20 marking. Cannabis and cannabis products found at an unlicensed location, or cultivated,
21 processed, produced, or manufactured at an unlicensed location, or derived from an
22 unlicensed source, cannot be corrected and shall be destroyed.

23 (d) If the department finds that cannabis or a cannabis product that is embargoed is
24 not adulterated or misbranded, or that its sale is not otherwise in violation of this division,
25 the department may remove the tag or other marking.

26 11. Section 26039.5 of the Code states, in part:

27 (a) Cannabis or a cannabis product is misbranded if it is any of the following:

28 (1) Cultivated, processed, manufactured, packed, or held in a location not duly
licensed as provided in this division.

(2) Consists of cannabis or cannabis product that was cultivated, processed,
manufactured, packed, or held in a location not duly licensed as provided in this
division.

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(b) It is unlawful to cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer
for sale cannabis or a cannabis product that is misbranded.

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(d) It is unlawful to receive in commerce cannabis or a cannabis product that is
misbranded or to distribute, deliver, or offer for delivery any such cannabis or
cannabis product.

1 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

2 California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17801.5 states:

3 (a) The Department may embargo cannabis or cannabis products to prevent their sale,
4 disposal, or removal from the location when the Department has probable cause to believe
5 the cannabis or cannabis products are adulterated or misbranded or the sale would
6 otherwise be in violation of the Act or this division.

7 (b) To embargo cannabis or cannabis products, the Department shall:

8 (1) Provide initial notice to the licensee or product owner that the cannabis or
9 cannabis products are subject to embargo and the reason for the embargo. Initial
10 notice may be oral or written and may be provided in person or by telephone, mail,
11 facsimile transmission, email, or other electronic means;

12 (2) Affix a tag or marking to the cannabis or cannabis products, or component
13 thereof, subject to embargo; and

14 (3) Provide an inventory of the embargoed items to the licensee or product
15 owner.

16 (c) The Department shall provide a supplemental written notice to the licensee or
17 product owner of the embargoed items that includes the following:

18 (1) The factual and legal bases for the embargo;

19 (2) A description of the cannabis or cannabis products under embargo;

20 (3) A request for a written plan to address the items under embargo and the
21 issues(s) that resulted in the embargo;

22 (4) A summary of the proceedings for condemnation in accordance with chapter
23 5 (commencing with section 11500) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the
24 Government Code;

25 (5) Notification that the embargoed items cannot be removed from embargo,
26 sold, or disposed of without authorization of the Department or a court; and

27 (6) The penalty for violation of the embargo.

28 (d) The licensee or product owner may submit a written plan to the Department that
describes how the licensee or product owner will address the items under embargo and
the issue(s) that resulted in the embargo.

(1) If the Department determines that the plan will resolve the issue(s) that
resulted in the embargo, and that all of the provisions of the Act and this division can
be complied with, the Department will approve the plan and supervise the completion
of the plan.

(2) If the Department cannot approve the plan, or the Department does not
receive a response from the licensee within seven (7) calendar days after providing
the notice described in subsection (c), the Department may initiate condemnation
proceedings in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 26039.3(f).

1 (e) A licensee or product owner or their authorized representative may agree in
2 writing to the voluntary condemnation and destruction of the cannabis and cannabis
3 products subject to embargo. Destruction and disposal of the cannabis or cannabis products
4 shall be at the licensee or product owner's expense and shall be conducted with the
5 approval of and under the supervision of the Department.

6 (f) A licensee or product owner shall not remove the tag or marking from cannabis or
7 cannabis products under embargo. A licensee or product owner shall not undertake
8 corrective action or destruction of the items under embargo unless the Department has
9 provided written approval and removed the embargo tag.

10 (g) A licensee or product owner shall not remove from embargo, sell, or dispose of
11 any cannabis or cannabis products under embargo without written permission of the
12 Department or a court. Each item removed, sold, or disposed of without written
13 permission of the Department or a court constitutes a separate violation of the Act.

14 (h) A licensed cultivator or a microbusiness authorized to engage in cultivation may
15 request permission to continue cultivation or harvesting of cannabis under embargo. The
16 request shall be made to the Department in writing at compliance@cannabis.ca.gov and
17 shall specify the cultivation or harvesting activities in which the licensee requests to
18 engage. The Department may, in its sole discretion, authorize and impose conditions on
19 the continued cultivation or harvesting of the cannabis under embargo.

20 (i) Cannabis and cannabis products found, cultivated, processed, produced, or
21 manufactured at an unlicensed location, or derived from an unlicensed source, cannot be
22 corrected and shall be destroyed.

23 **COST RECOVERY**

24 12. Section 26039.3, subdivision (f)(2), of the Code states in pertinent part that the
25 licensee shall pay fees and reasonable costs, including the costs of storage, testing, and
26 supervision, incurred by the department in investigating and prosecuting the action.

27 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

28 13. On August 13, 2025, Department staff performed a regulatory compliance inspection
at Respondent's premises where they discovered three connex containers containing bulk
cannabis flower and trim in 38 boxes, 23 bins, 3 totes, 7 bags, and 1 container. None of the
boxes, bins, totes, bags, and containers containing bulk cannabis flower and trim were tagged
with California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) Unique Identifiers (UID) tags

14. Department staff requested information about the source of the untagged cannabis.
Respondent's employee, C.J., stated that Respondent was behind in updating records in its CCTT
account. Moreover, Respondent's CCTT account showed that the plants in Respondent's
inventory were in the flowering stage.

1 15. Department staff noted that the untagged cannabis had no history or source
 2 information in Respondent's CCTT account. Department staff placed all of the untagged and
 3 unsourced cannabis under embargo, as follows:

4 16. The following cannabis was placed under embargo:

	CANNABIS AND NAME AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
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6	1 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.4 lbs.
7	2 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.92 lbs.
8	3 Cannabis flower: 6 turkey bags inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	15.66 lbs.
9	4 Cannabis flower inside a brown box Strain: "LCG"	6.42 lbs.
10	5 Cannabis flower: 9 turkey bags inside a black bin Strain "27 WZ"	11.36 lbs.
11	6 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "PIPI ZGM"	18.60 lbs.
12	7 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "MERINO"	18.64 lbs.
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14	8 Cannabis flower inside a black tote Strain: "JOSE BLACK CHERRY"	16.70 lbs
15	9 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "PIPIZ PRE"	13.10 lbs.
16	10 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	10 lbs.
17	11 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	11.02 lbs.
18	12 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "MERINO"	18.52 lbs.
19	13 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	8.24 lbs.
20	14 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	18.60 lbs.
21	15 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "TONA"	9.46 lbs.
22	16 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "MERINO"	18.60 lbs.
23	17 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	18.50 lbs.
24	18 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	9.66 lbs.
25	19 Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: no strain identified	17.20 lbs.
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1	20	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "CESAR"	16.71 lbs.
2	21	Cannabis flower inside a black bin strain: "PIPI-Z BLACK CHERRY"	5.90 lbs.
3	22	Cannabis flower inside black open oil container Strain: no strain identified	6 lbs.
4	23	Cannabis kief inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	31.96 lbs.
5	24	Cannabis trim inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	29.20 lbs.
6	25	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: BCG SHAKE	12 lbs.
7	26	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	17.18 lbs.
8	27	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "ICE CREAM"	15.50 lbs.
9	28	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "CESAR GM"	24.54 lbs.
10	29	Cannabis flower inside a black bin Strain: "TONA"	18.30 lbs.
11	30	Cannabis flower inside a green bucket Strain: no strain identified	4.62 lbs.
12	31	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "AJSD"	12.60 lbs.
13	32	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "PRE 64 SHAKE"	11.26 lbs.
14	33	Cannabis trim inside a brown box Strain: "BCG SHAKE"	10.08 lbs.
15	34	Cannabis seeds Strain: PURP WA, SP X F2, GELATO X TM, FROSTED IN	4 baggies
16	35	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPIZ CARBON"	18.66 lbs.
17	36	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICE CREAM PIPIZ"	18.26 lbs.
18	37	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "DB"	14.20 lbs.
19	38	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICE CREAM PIPI"	15.70 lbs.
20	39	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "DB"	19.86 lbs.
21	40	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC PP"	19.60 lbs.
22	41	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	13.78 lbs.
23	42	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	14.82 lbs.
24	43	Cannabis (untrimmed) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC"	12.44 lbs.
25	44	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM"	13.86 lbs.

1	45	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PP SCARFACE"	15.72 lbs.
2	46	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "AJSB PP SCARFACE"	18.11 lbs.
3	47	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "SANTOS"	11.32 lbs.
4	48	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	15.08 lbs.
5	49	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "HJSD"	14.98 lbs.
6	50	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "CARBON FIBER LSG ICE PIPI"	18.52 lbs.
7	51	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI ICE"	16 lbs.
8	52	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GP"	15.54 lbs.
9	53	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPIZ CARBON"	19.86 lbs.
10	54	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "CABRON PIPI"	19.84 lbs.
11	55	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	22.44 lbs.
12	56	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM"	13.98 lbs.
13	57	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain	14.02 lbs.
14	58	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI CARBON"	13.48 lbs.
15	59	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "GM AJSD"	13.40 lbs.
16	60	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "ICC"	8.72 lbs.
17	61	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	17.78 lbs.
18	62	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PP ICE CREAM"	14.18 lbs.
19	63	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: "PIPI CARBON"	19.04 lbs.
20	64	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain	15.34 lbs.
21	65	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a brown box Strain: no strain identified	19.54 lbs.
22	66	Cannabis (unbucked) inside a black tote Strain: "PRGM SALVATORE"	13.12 lbs.
23	67	Cannabis (processed) inside a black tote Strain: no strain identified	24.74 lbs.
24	68	Cannabis (processed) inside a black tote Strain: no strain identified	15.34 lbs.
25	69	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	31.52 lbs.
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70	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	82.5 lbs.
71	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	61.25 lbs.
72	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	44.24 lbs.
73	Cannabis (trim) inside a black bag Strain: no strain identified	36.1 lbs.

17. On or about August 29, 2025, Respondent submitted a plan to the Department regarding the embargoed cannabis. Respondent's plan did not address the source of the embargoed cannabis or cannabis products.

CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION

(Misbranded Cannabis Subject to Condemnation)

18. Respondent failed to provide documentation establishing the origins of the cannabis in its possession or a written plan for release of the embargoed cannabis pursuant to California Code of Regulation, title 4, section 17801.5, as described more fully in paragraphs 13 through 17, above, therefore the cannabis is misbranded and subject to condemnation.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Office of Administrative Hearings issue a decision:

1. Ordering the destruction of the cannabis that is subject to embargo by Respondent CC Ranch Enterprise Co with Forest Elie, Owner, under the supervision of the Department;
2. Ordering Respondent CC Ranch Enterprise Co with Forest Elie, Owner, to pay the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26039.3; and
3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: October 20, 2025

Evelyn Schaeffer

 EVELYN SCHAEFFER
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 State of California
 Complainant

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PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Name: In the Matter of the Proceeding for Condemnation of Embargoed Cannabis Product(s)
Against: CC Ranch Enterprise Co.
DCC Case No. DCC25-00005-CON
License Number: CCL20-0002067, Cultivation-Medium Outdoor

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On February 4, 2026, I served the within documents:

ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND CONDEMNATION ORDER AS FINAL DECISION

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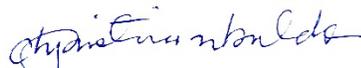
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on February 4, 2026, at Rancho Cordova, California.



Christina C. Ubaldo