

2025 Annual Report

Introduction

The Cannabis Advisory Committee (CAC) was established under [California Business and Professions Code \(BPC\) Section 26014](#) to advise the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) on the development of standards and regulations for commercial cannabis businesses, including those necessary to protect public health and safety.

CAC engages in thoughtful, comprehensive discussion and provides an important venue for robust public input. This work supports DCC's mission of advancing and facilitating a well-regulated legal market that benefits all Californians, and its vision for a safe, sustainable, and equitable cannabis market that serves as an example for the world.

CAC recommendations

CAC is required by BPC Section 26014(c) to publish an annual public report describing its activities, including the recommendations made by CAC to DCC, and whether those recommendations were implemented by DCC.

CAC held multiple meetings of the full committee membership during 2025: March 27, August 28, and November 13.

August 28 meeting

Multi-batch products: Regulation would allow the retail sale of a combination of multiple unique products or multiple unique product types.

Recommendation: Remove the multi-batch product cap of three products and remove the limitation on product types, as well as recommend that DCC continues discussion with the CAC after implementation.

Status: DCC continues to work toward implementation.

SB 1064 (Laird): Regulation would define the list of activities qualifying for a combined activities license as required by [Cannabis: operator and separate premises license types: excessive concentration of licenses, SB 1064 \(2023\), Chapter 875](#).

Recommendation: Implement SB 1064.



Status: DCC anticipates releasing regulations in the first quarter of 2026 to implement this recommendation.

November 13 meeting

Batch tagging of cannabis plants: Regulation would allow the batch tagging of cannabis plants as required by [Cannabis regulation: plant identification program: unique identifier, SB 622 \(2023\), Chapter 496](#).

Recommendation: Expand or remove the immature batch limits, allowing for operators to batch by genetics or flower room rather than individual plant count; permit batch-level tagging for flowering plants when they are uniform in strain and environment; and explore digital alternatives that function as intended.

Status: DCC continues to work toward implementation.



Meeting agendas and materials

Meeting agendas and materials are available for all meetings and can be found at <https://cannabis.ca.gov/about-us/cannabis-advisory-committee/>.

Conclusion

The committee held a total of three meetings in 2025, with discussions and recommendations related to a variety of issues currently facing the cannabis industry and stakeholders. CAC and its members look forward to continued collaboration with DCC as we work together toward a safer, sustainable, and equitable cannabis market.

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