

Notice of Emergency Decision and Order

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, and Government Code section 11460.40, the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) is providing notice to Higher Expectations HD, LLC dba Higher Expectations (Licensee) and Designated Responsible Party and owner Braian Navejas, that at **5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026**, the attached Emergency Decision and Order will become effective. The Emergency Decision and Order suspends to Higher Expectations HD, LLC's license number **C12-0000577-LIC**, and orders the Licensee and its owners to cease all commercial cannabis activity pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, subdivision (b)(1), at the following location:

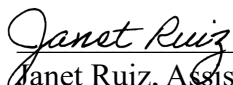
**10007 YUCCA ROAD
ADELANTO, CA 92301**

You have the right to be heard before the Director of the Department of Cannabis Control (Director), or her designee, regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order, prior to the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, subdivision (h), when practicable. If you would like to be heard before the Director, or her designee, please submit a written request by email to branden.howton@cannabis.ca.gov. Unless the Department receives your request by 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2026, you will be deemed to have waived your right to be heard before the Director, or his designee.

If requested, the hearing before the Director, or her designee, will be held on March 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., via online video conferencing. You may submit documentation regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order prior to or during the hearing, if one is requested.

Within 10 days after the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, the Department will file an Accusation on the charges and allegations set forth in the Emergency Decision and Order. The adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the Government Code.

Upon issuance of the Emergency Decision and Order, you have the right under Government Code section 11460.80 to obtain judicial review of the Emergency Decision and Order. The Emergency Decision and Order shall remain in effect until such time as the Accusation has been fully adjudicated or upon issuance of the final decision and order following judicial review.



Janet Ruiz, Assistant Branch Chief
Compliance Division
Department of Cannabis Control

Emergency Decision and Order

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, and article 13 (commencing with section 11460.10) of Chapter 4.5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the Department of Cannabis Control issues the following Emergency Decision and Order:

The Department of Cannabis Control hereby SUSPENDS the license of Higher Expectations HD, LLC, license number C12-0000577-LIC, (Licensee) and orders Licensee, and Designated Responsible Party and owner Braian Navejas, to **CEASE ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY, CEASE ALL MOVEMENT OF CANNABIS GOODS TO AND FROM THE PREMISES, and CEASE ALL SALES OF CANNABIS GOODS**, at the following location or any other location or activity associated with the license, **effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026:**

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This order is based on an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, as set forth in the attached Declaration of Branden Howton, there is evidence that the cannabis goods at the Licensee's premises have a reasonable probability of causing serious adverse health consequences and or conditions at the premises present an immediate risk to worker or public health and safety. The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that this order is necessary to prevent misrepresentation to the public, such as selling untested cannabis goods, providing inaccurate information about the cannabis goods, and to avoid immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, based on the following:

- The Licensee failed to provide and deliver copies of commercial cannabis activity records to the Department upon request, in violation of Business and Professions Code 26160, subdivisions (d), (e), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15037, subdivision (b), and 17800, subdivision (a)(4).
- The Licensee failed to ensure its video surveillance system cameras were recording continuously for twenty-four (24) hours per day, failed to retain recordings for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days, and failed to provide the Department with surveillance recordings, upon request, in violation of Business and Professions Code section 26160, subdivisions (d), (e), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15044, subdivisions (f), (h) and (i).
- The Licensee failed to ensure all commercial cannabis activity was timely, accurately and completely recorded in its California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) account, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15047.2 and 15049.
- The Licensee was found in possession of misbranded cannabis or cannabis product, including vape carts, pre-rolls, cannabis flower, trim and shake, in violation of Business and Professions Code sections 26039.5.

- The Licensee failed to perform a Quality Assurance Review of cannabis goods in its possession by neglecting to have the cannabis retested after the expiration of the Certificate of Analysis, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15307, subdivision (b) and 15307.2, subdivision (b).
- The Licensee conducted transportation of cannabis goods for hire without obtaining a motor carrier permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles, in violation of Business and Professions Code section 26070, subdivision (d), (i), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15311, subdivision (d).
- The Licensee was unable to account for all of its cannabis inventory and provide that information to the Department upon request, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15309, subdivision (a), 15423, and 15424, subdivision (a).
- The Licensee failed to review and reconcile its cannabis inventory at least once every thirty (30) calendar days to ensure its physical inventory was consistent with CCTT records, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15051, subdivision (a)(1) and 15424, subdivision (b).
- The Licensee failed to create a quality control program for the cleaning, sanitizing, and maintenance of manufacturing equipment and utensils, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17210, subdivision (c)(1)-(4).
- The Licensee failed to establish and follow a written master manufacturing protocol for each unique formulation of cannabis product manufactured, and for each batch size, in order to mitigate the potential for adulteration, misbranding or hazards, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17215.
- The Licensee failed to prepare a written batch production record every time a batch of a cannabis product was manufactured and failed to maintain standard operating procedures that were easily accessible to onsite personnel, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 17216 and 17217.


This circumstance requires immediate action by the Department of Cannabis Control to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, and to prevent the sale of contaminated cannabis or cannabis goods.

While the license is suspended, you must comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17816 and conspicuously and continuously display the Notice of Suspension, provided with this Notice, on the exterior of the premises referenced in this Notice. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in further disciplinary action.

You have the right to be heard before the Director of the Department of Cannabis Control, or her designee, regarding the allegations in the Emergency Decision and Order, prior to the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, when practicable. The attached Notice of Emergency Decision and Order provides details on how to request a hearing, as well as a hearing date should one be requested.

Within 10 days after the effective date of the Emergency Decision and Order, the Department will file an Accusation on the charges and allegations set forth in the Emergency Decision and Order. The adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the Government Code.

The Emergency Decision and Order, effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026, shall remain in effect until such time as the Accusation has been fully adjudicated or upon issuance of the final decision and order following judicial review if obtained pursuant to Government Code section 11460.80.



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