

# Regulating Marijuana:

*A Local Environmental Health Department's Perspective*

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# Background

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- Represent the local Health Officer
  - Illness investigations
  - Local point of contact for public environmental health issues
  - In disasters or emergencies, we are your “boots on the ground”
- Local “representative” of CDPH, CDFA
  - Support product recall efforts
  - Food, dairy, produce, etc.



# Background



- CDPH (many branches), CDFA, CalEPA, CalRecycle, DTSC, SWRCB, RWQCB, DWR
- Implement State regulations locally; many interconnect or overlap
  - California Retail Food Code
  - Food and Agriculture Code
  - Hazardous Waste Control (Title 22)
  - Hazardous Materials Management (Title 19)
  - Solid Waste Management (Title 27)
  - Stormwater management policies
  - Environmental Cleanup Oversight (Title 22)
  - Composting (Title 14)
  - State Housing Code (Title 25)
  - Water well permitting statutes
  - State air quality statutes, policies
  - Local ordinances



# Cultivation

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- Composting & landfill issues
- Waste discharge complaints/runoff
- Water
- Air quality issues



# Cultivation

- Pesticide management
- Hazardous waste



- Lack of onsite toilets for employees



# Manufacturing

- Hazardous materials storage
- Hazardous waste



- Environmental contamination
- Explosion hazards



# Manufacturing

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- Methods



# Manufacturing

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- Manufacturing of edibles in permitted food facilities
- Contaminated products leading to complaints and illnesses



# Manufacturing

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- Product quality control (non-edibles)
- Allowable products



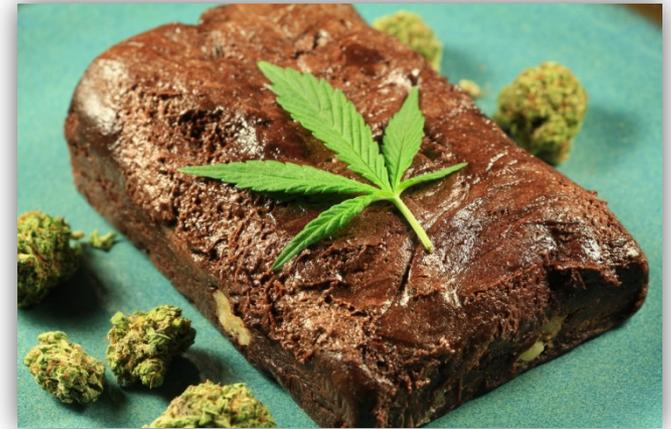
# Dispensing/Sales

- What? How? Where?
- Medical Marijuana dispensaries versus Recreational Marijuana dispensaries



# Dispensing/Sales

- Commingling product in permitted food facilities and vice versa
- Proper labeling
- Types of edibles allowed



# Dispensing/Sales

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- Cross contamination-accidental
- Ingredient in prepared foods



# Local Efforts

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- Local jurisdictions developing ordinances now
- Local EHDs will likely be permitting/inspecting agency
- Local EHDs' oversight role extends across local jurisdictional boundaries, like PHDs
- Need for consistent approach to operating manufacturing and dispensary businesses
- Need Statewide standardization

