

Cannabis Grows- How are They Affecting California's Deer Herds?

The CalFauna Foundation was awarded a grant by the California Deer Association to delve into the many issues that are at play as the cannabis industry takes on a bigger role in rural California economies and communities. We are writing a white paper and producing a documentary to explore the innerconnectivity between California's deer herds and it's burgeoning cannabis industry. Are the state's deer being properly considered when cannabis ordinances and laws are being discussed & enacted?

PURPOSE OF GRANT :

To increase awareness of current and future impacts of cannabis grows on our state's deer

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED :

- ☆ How do current County regulations and ordinances on cannabis affect their deer herds and habitats?
- ☆ Should deer be an important topic when new County cannabis regulations and related land use policies are being considered?
- ☆ Are the illegal grows the cause for a majority of impacts on our deer?
- ☆ How are state laws affecting County's abilities to control and address the cannabis industry?
- ☆ How can the legal cannabis industry orchestrate their operations to avoid impacts on our deer?

WE NEED YOUR HELP :

In the coming weeks, CalFauna will be reaching out to you. Please consider contributing to this project. Since many jurisdictions have significant impact on cannabis, the more widespread collaboration received, the better the product will be produced. The paper and accompanying video(s) will be made available to all County agencies for public dissemination when completed. Publication is expected Spring 2018.

This project is to provide pertinent information to County officials only as it relates to deer. It is not focusing on the legality of cannabis grows or other aspects of the cannabis industry.

GEOGRAPHY OF PROJECT :
Includes 37 of the state's 58 counties, and approximately one million square miles.



REACHING OUT TO :

- ☆ County Board of Supervisors
- ☆ County Planning and Environmental Departments & Commissions
- ☆ State Fish and Wildlife Biologists and Wardens
- ☆ Cannabis growers
- ☆ Cannabis groups & advocates
- ☆ State regulatory agencies
- ☆ Environmental Researchers



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