

Central Coast Agriculture, Inc.

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Maria, California

October 4, 2023



Summary: Joint Request for 60-day Continuance

- Any reasonable continuance request may be granted
 - Rule 516: “The chairperson, vice-chairperson or any two members of the Hearing Board shall grant any continuance of 15 days or less, concurred in by petitioner, the Control Officer and every person who has filed an answer in the action and may grant any reasonable continuance.”
- Reasonable basis for request: CCA on strong compliance pathway and permit will be issued soon; continuance avoids risk of devastating job loss and local economic impacts

Project Background

- CCA permitted by City and State before APCD cannabis program rollout
- CCA applied for Rule 201 permit in 2020
- APCD deemed original ATC permit application complete in August 2022
- Permit delay caused by lack of established control technology, extensive and iterative informational requests, delay in commencing CEQA review, and new understanding that proposed emissions control would not adequately reduce emissions resulting in APCD directive for new application
- Air emissions currently controlled by a closed-loop, cold trap system that liquifies and recovers majority of solvents
- CCA committed to complete permitting process and installing additional controls

Reasonable Basis for Request

- **CCA diligence:** Close to finish line
 - Permit deemed complete following scores of meetings and communications between APCD and CCA over last month
 - Permit forthcoming: Permit will likely be issued in 60-day window
- **Substantial economic impacts:** Risk of abatement would lead to devastating loss of jobs and business
 - More than 100 jobs at risk
 - Abatement order would likely put CCA out of business and result in a taking
- **Bottom line:** Give APCD and CCA time to complete permitting process rather than risk devastating impacts to local community and business