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Performance Standards for all MCCLUO Cultivation Operations

- No surface water withdrawals shall be allowed as part of any cultivation operations.
- No Timberland Conversion Permits or Exemptions as approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL-FIRE) shall be used to facilitate the cultivation of medical cannabis.
- The area of cannabis cultivation shall be located as shown on the application site plan, set back at least 50 feet from any property line in the Natural resources zone, and 1000 feet from any School. Cannabis cultivation is declared to be development, subject to compliance with Section 17.30.110, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area's (ESHA's). For purposes of this section, where enhanced, reduced, or modified watercourse or wetland setbacks have been agreed to by the operator and the RWQCB under enrollment pursuant to NCRWQB Order No. 2015-0023 and/or preparation of a Water Resources Protection Plan, these may control and supersede any setback applied pursuant to Section 17.30.110.
- Maintain enrollment in Tier 1, 2 or 3, certification with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. 2015-0023, if applicable, or any substantially equivalent rule that may be subsequently adopted by the City of Rio Dell or other responsible agency.
- For cultivation areas for which no enrollment pursuant to NCRWQB Order No. 2015-0023, is required by that Order, compliance with the standard conditions applicable to all Tier 1 dischargers.
- The storage or use of any fertilizer, pesticide, fungicide, rodenticide, or herbicide shall be in compliance with the manufacture's recommendations and regulations administered by the State Department of Pesticide Regulation. Hazardous materials and wastes from agricultural businesses are regulated by the Humboldt County Environmental Health Division, which administers the Hazardous Materials program as one of the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA). This includes the application, inspection, enforcement, and reporting under the program requirements and standards set by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA).
- Trucked water shall not be allowed as the primary water source. Water is to be sourced locally (on-site), except for emergencies. For purposes of this provision, "emergency" is defined as: "a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action."

- Carbon filter fans or equivalent superior filters/scrubbers shall be required to eliminate odor discharges from cultivation and processing facilities.
- A Waste Management/Disposal Plan shall be submitted describing any produced wastes, including by-products, recycling, reusing, recovery, storage, diversion and handling and disposal.
- Those cultivators using artificial lighting for mixed-light cultivation shall shield greenhouses so that little to no light escapes. Light shall not escape at a level that is visible from neighboring properties between sunset and sunrise. Should the City receive complaints that the lighting is out of alignment or not complying with these standards, within ten (10) working days of receiving written notification that a complaint has been filed, the applicant shall submit written verification that the lights' shielding and alignment has been repaired, inspected and corrected as necessary.
- Generators are only allowed as an emergency back-up power source. The noise produced by a generator used for cannabis cultivation shall not be audible from neighboring residences. The decibel level for generators at the property line shall be no more than 60 decibels.
- Fuel shall be stored and handled in compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations, and in such a way that no spillage occurs.
- Comply with any special conditions applicable to that permit or parcel which may be imposed as a condition of the required Conditional Use Permit.