

EDC on path to temporarily ban recreational pot

By Lake Tahoe News

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in December is expected to approve a temporary ban on the sales of recreational and medicinal marijuana. Any medical facilities in operation today would be grandfathered in.

They are taking the same approach as South Lake Tahoe and many other jurisdictions in wanting to have a better understanding of all of the state's regulations pertaining to recreational marijuana before saying yes to anything more than what is required by state law.

While it was a year ago that voters in California approved the use of pot recreationally, it wasn't until this week that the state released many of the rules surrounding the practice.

Local jurisdictions are able to implement laws concerning sales of the product and whether it can be consumed in public places.

However, what they cannot regulate is the growing pot for personal use. Those parameters are state laws. People are also allowed to smoke pot where permissible.

Supervisors Sue Novasel and Mike Ranalli were appointed to the Cannabis Advisory Committee, while the Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee was eliminated.

It is Sheriff John D'Agostini's belief that all forms of marijuana should be banned in the county.