Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) hereby gives notice that it has decided not to proceed with the rulemaking action published in the California Regulatory Notice Register (CRNR), April 28, 2017, OAL notice Z-2017-0418-19. The proposed rulemaking concerned AB 243 (Chapter 688, Statutes of 2015), AB 266 (Chapter 689, Statutes of 2015), and SB 643 (Chapter 719, Statutes of 2015), known as the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA).

The MCRSA mandated the Department to establish the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program (MCCP) to regulate, implement, and enforce the MCRSA as it pertains to the cultivation of commercial medical cannabis. The legislation mandated regulation to encourage environmental mitigations by cultivators to prevent further pollution of water, degradation of the natural environment, wildlife endangerment, and to protect public peace, health, and safety.

The MCRSA has since been repealed by SB 94, approved by the Governor on June 27, 2017.

Any interested person with questions concerning this rulemaking should contact Lindsay Rains at 916-263-0801 or by e-mail at: edfa.calcannabis@cdfa.ca.gov

The Department will also publish this Notice of Decision Not to Proceed on its website at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Regulations.html#CalCannabis.

[An agency is not precluded from taking up this rulemaking action again in the future.]