**Grand Jury Finding – F1:** The lack of participation, communication, and enforcement, since 2009, among several County departments have caused these issues mentioned in the report.

**Grand Jury Finding – F2:** The overall failure to address unregulated commercial growth of cannabis in Siskiyou County has resulted in a deterioration of the quality of life for its citizens.

***RESPONSES***

* **Recommendation R1**: The Board of Supervisors should direct County agencies to meet, maintain ongoing communications, and coordinate procedures necessary to eliminate the problems discussed in this report, by November 1, 2022.

**Response to R1:**

* **Board of Supervisors Response**: The Board agrees.

County staff currently hold meetings with various stakeholders as well as internal meetings are held bi-monthly.

* **Director of Community Development Response**:

Bi-monthly meetings are currently held to discuss, problem solve, and coordinate efforts and resources specifically for illegal commercial cannabis activities. Attendees include Supervisors Nancy Ogren and Brandon Criss representing the Board of Supervisors. Others in attendance include representatives from the Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Office, Siskiyou County District Attorney’s Office, County Counsel, Community Development and outside counsel when requested.

* **Recommendation R1b**: In addition, the Board of Supervisors should include other outside agencies as they establish a procedure to best gain control of these problems. Possible agencies to consider would be the California Highway Patrol, California Fish and Wildlife, and other appropriate State and Federal agencies, by November 1, 2022.
* **Board of Supervisors Response**: The Board agrees.

The Board of Supervisors continues to make attempts for assistance from other agencies (State and Federal).

* **Director of Community Development Response**:

Both the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors have been actively seeking assistance from outside State and Federal agencies and will continue to do so through legislative channels. To date, be advised that the State agencies (California Highway Patrol, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Water Board) have retracted support to Siskiyou County regarding illegal commercial cannabis enforcement efforts.

* **Recommendation R1c**: The Board of Supervisors should ensure that the expanded ring, regulations available under AB2164 are utilized by County Counsel and coordinating agencies to its fullest extent, by November 1, 2022.
* **Board of Supervisors Response**: The Board agrees.

Fines and penalties are included in Siskiyou County Code – Chapter 14.

* **Director of Community Development Response**:

AB 2164 violation and enforcement fines and penalties surrounding cannabis is captured within Chapter 14 of the Siskiyou County Code. Community Development Planning Division / Code Enforcement has a policy in place for determination of civil penalties associated with illegal cultivation of cannabis pursuant to Chapter 10.14.100. County Counsel and Community Development currently work together and will continue to work together to best enhance AB 2164.

* **Recommendation R1d**: The Board of Supervisors should earmark Siskiyou County’s portion of fine monies received from AB 2164 and all other citations issued for illegal activity connected to cannabis, to supplement enforcement efforts and cleanup, by November 1, 2022.
* **Board of Supervisors Response**: The Board agrees.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a committed account to set aside monies to supplement these costs.

* **Director of Community Development Response**:

The Board of Supervisors has established a committed account through Code Enforcement specifically for the purpose of abatement, code enforcement equipment and training, to pay for hearing officers, and Prentice Long outside counsel services.

* **Recommendation R2**: The Board of Supervisors must immediately review and strengthen all ordinances addressing the negative effects of commercial cannabis grows in Siskiyou County, including illegal camping, greenhouse poly tunnel loopholes, and water transportation issues by November 1, 2022.
* **Board of Supervisors Response**: The Board partially agrees.

The Board of Supervisors continues to work with various stakeholders on existing ordinances and will continue to do so, focusing on options and alternatives to illegal cannabis eradication.