

value added products derived from Hemp to be added to the mix of existing value-added products that are produced and sold in El Dorado County.

The Agricultural Commission's support of the development of Industrial Hemp is consistent with the Commission's mission to conserve and protect important agricultural crop lands and associated activities, maintain viable agricultural-based communities, and encourage the expansion of agricultural activities and production. A vibrant and robust agricultural economy provides employment and tax revenue while protecting our agricultural lands for future generations. Our six Agricultural Districts play a significant role in maintaining our rural lifestyle that is cherished by our county's residents. Given the benefits of crop diversification, value added product opportunities, and preservation of our agricultural lands, the Agricultural Commission supports the implement an Industrial Hemp Pilot Program for the 2022 and 2023 growing seasons.

The motion made by Commissioner Draper and seconded by Commissioner Bolster includes two modifications on Attachment A Draft number III "Ministerial permit process" with the Agricultural Commission to have a role in the review to be future defined and number IV "Limit permits issued" changed from 50 to 10.

AYES: Walker, Boeger, Bolster, Mansfield, Draper, Neilsen
NOES: Bacchi
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None