

MEMO

To: Lewis County Planning Commission
From: Lee Napier, Director of Lewis County Community Development
Patrick Babineau, Senior Long Range Planner,
Lewis County Community Development
Date: July 8, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting
RE: Discussion about Recreational Marijuana Production, Processing,
and Retailing in Lewis County

Meeting Agenda

In the first half of the meeting, planning consultant John Kliem will provide a briefing about the new state law relating to recreational marijuana production, processing, and retailing in Washington State. This briefing will include the following:

- Informational Overview of the Subject.
- Summary of I-502.
- What Chapter 314-55 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) does and does not do.
- US and Washington State Attorney General's Opinions.
- Why does Lewis County need to address this issue now?

During the second half of the meeting, John will be leading a facilitated discussion with the Planning Commissioners about their desires, issues and concerns regarding the potential for recreational marijuana production, processing, and retailing in Lewis County. This discussion will include the following focus question for the Planning Commissioners:

"What are your desires and concerns relating to the production, processing, and retailing of recreational marijuana in Lewis County?"

Reading Materials

John has provided several articles you may enjoy reading in preparation for your meeting. These include:

- ★ US Department of Justice "*Memorandum for all United States Attorneys*" written by James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General

- * Attorney General of Washington Opinion on “*Whether Statewide Initiative Establishing System for Licensing Marijuana Producers, Processors, and Retailers Preempts Local Ordinances*”
- * NY Times June 11, 2014 article, “*With Marijuana Legalized, a City in Washington State Says, 'Not So Fast'*”
- * Seattle Times June 3, 2014 article, “*Wenatchee lawsuit could make or break state’s pot law*”
- * Washington State Liquor Control Board, “*FAQs on I-502*”

Follow-Up

At the following Commission meeting on July 29, 2014, Planning Commission members will begin exploring how to translate their “desires, issues or concerns” about recreational marijuana production, processing, and retailing into official land use policies and controls for Lewis County.