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*California Native American Cannabis Association*

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN CANNABIS ASSOCIATION Tribal Cannabis Enterprise Considerations

### **Potential Tribal Cannabis Business Models:**

- Solely Owned and Operated Enterprise by the Tribe
- Joint Partnership Between the Tribe and Non-Tribal Cannabis Cultivators
- Tribe Acting as Government Entity, Regulating and Taxing Cannabis Activity by Non-Tribal Cannabis Cultivators
- Tribal Statute Permitting by Individual Tribal Members to Cultivate Cannabis on Tribal Lands for Specified Purposes (Medical Marijuana Patients of Designated Caregiver)
- Tribal Statute Prohibiting Any Form of Cannabis Activity on Tribal Lands

### **Essential Tasks in Tribal Cannabis Enterprise Design:**

- Educate all relevant stakeholders and tribal membership as to prevailing federal, state, and local laws related to cannabis (marijuana) activity
- Decide on proposed parameters of permitted cannabis activity based on the law, community opinion, prevailing science, and benefit to the medical marijuana consumer
- Secure qualified legal counsel to navigate legal and business complexities of tribal cannabis enterprises
- Follow tribal government constitution or established cultural practices in designing legislative parameters of permitted cannabis activity
- Design the framework for regulatory oversight and accountability of permitted cannabis activity
- Facilitate government-to-government meetings between Tribe and federal, state, and local government counterparts to inform, address concerns, and modify proposed enterprise design to satisfy all priorities

- **Finalize business and regulatory model**
- **Meet with and thoroughly vetted prospective non-tribal cannabis enterprise partners. Negotiate business contracts with only the most reputable and trustworthy candidates.**
- **Beta test all regulatory and accountability systems on an initial small scale operation prior to enterprise expansion to the maximum level of available resources. Thoroughly consider and build systems to minimize environmental impact on tribal resources as it pertains to water, power, waste management, community visibility, odor, etc.**

### **Responsibilities of Tribal Cannabis Regulatory Body:**

- **Conduct Suitability Backgrounds and Licensing of Business Entities and Individual Employees**
- **Management of Seed-to-Sale Tracking and Accountability System for Cannabis Products**
- **Management of Enterprise Surveillance System**
- **Management of Enterprise Security Contingent**
- **Management of Waste Disposal of All Cannabis Containing Material to Render Unrecoverable and Unusable**
- **Regulate the Transportation of Cannabis Products from Tribal Lands**
- **Conduct Cannabis Material and Revenue Audits to Ensure Accountability**
- **Monitor All Processing & Packaging of Cannabis-Containing Products**
- **Management of Quality Control Systems and Ensure Required Laboratory Testing**
- **Monitor and Manage Environmental Impact of Cannabis Enterprise Activity**
- **Enforcement of Cannabis Enterprise Polices & Procedures**
- **Design and Manage Emergency Response Procedures**
- **Provide Coordination with Non-Tribal Government Agencies, Including Law Enforcement**