Cannabis Tax Measure On Calaveras Ballot

Calaveras County voters will be given the opportunity in the Nov. 3 General Election to weigh in on whether changes should be made to how commercial cannabis cultivation is taxed in the county. The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors needed a four-fifths vote Tuesday to put a measure on the ballot and voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The changes include taxing cultivation by canopy, or square foot, rather than by dry weight of the crop; establishing a tax rate of $2 for outdoor, $3 for mixed light and $4 for indoor cultivation; and setting a maximum tax rates of $7 per square foot for cultivation and a maximum 8% gross proceeds tax on all other cannabis activities. The gross receipts tax would apply to nurseries and all other cannabis tax activities, starting at 2% and 5% respectively. If the ordinance is adopted with those amounts, the revenues generated would be in excess of $1.7 million, and could be higher depending on the number of new permittees.