Commercial pot ban EIR close to release

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The Commercial Cannabis Ban Environmental Impact Report is expected to be released to the public either later this week or early next week.

According to Calaveras County Planning Director Peter Maurer, he is completing a final review of the document and it will be ready for the public to see sometime this week or right after the Labor Day holiday.

The document is expected to be posted on the Calaveras County Planning Department's Cannabis webpage under CEQA documents for the Cannabis EIR.

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors in early 2016 adopted an urgency ordinance allowing the commercial cultivation of marijuana in the county, but shifted to exploring an outright ban on commercial cultivation early this year after four new members joined the county's governing body.

Public hearings on the EIR are projected to begin in late September.