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PLANNING, LAND USE  
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## Memorandum

**Date:** January 10, 2014  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Bill Stalzer, planning consultant **BS**  
**Cc:** Jesse Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Tom Glover, Director, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency  
**Re:** Initiative 502 Proposed Work Plan and Process

After review of Ordinance 415 and of documents related to Initiative 502 and after discussions with Jesse Nolte, Jesse and I are recommending the attached work plan to review the effect of licensing the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

The documents described in the work plan would be prepared by us with assistance from the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency as needed. The planning commission would review the materials and recommend a course of action to the commissioners following the process for public participation, workshops, and a public hearing contained in WWCC Section 14.15 for amendments to development regulations. The goal is to complete the planning commission process no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>.

To guide the work of the planning commission, we are recommending that the commissioners establish project principles that would apply to the regulation of recreational marijuana. By January 23<sup>rd</sup> we would submit a draft of project principles for consideration by the commissioners. Additionally, we would prepare a summary of the content and status of recreational marijuana development regulations approved by selected jurisdictions.

Jesse and I are available to discuss the proposed work plan and process.

**Attachment**  
**Recreational Marijuana Proposed Work Plan**

**BACKGROUND**

- Prepare a summary of the Washington State Liquor Control Board rules for recreational marijuana
- Prepare a background paper on the issues to be considered when regulating the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING**

- Determine if existing policies address issues related to the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana. Propose modified or new policies if necessary
- Review the land use designations and propose those appropriate for the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana
- Review the zoning districts and propose those appropriate for the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana
- Determine if existing development regulations other than zoning address issues related to the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana. Propose modified or new regulations if necessary

**LEGAL**

- Review how the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana conflicts with federal law (it does) and recommend measures to ensure that the County is addressing the Federal Priorities set forth by the August 2013 Department of Justice memo.
- Research and recommend strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that have been demonstrated to be effective in practice;
- Review any Federal law enforcement responses to I-502
- Prepare a summary of any Court decisions dealing with I-502.

**SEPA (Non-Project Action)**

- Prepare a SEPA checklist that includes proposed mitigation measures, as necessary

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Provide staffing to the planning commission with assistance from the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency as needed

Note: All work will be based on existing available documents and information from online sources such as MRSC, WSCLB, DOJ, WAAG, WAAPA, City/County websites, etc.