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NEWS RELEASE

First Medical Marijuana Establishment in Nevada to Open

Reno cultivator is ready to do business

Carson City – The first medical marijuana establishment (MME) to open in the state of Nevada is Sierra Wellness Connection (SWC), a cultivation facility located in Reno. SWC successfully passed all local and state inspections, and is prepared to begin growing medical marijuana.

As soon as it is harvested, medical marijuana grown in Nevada must be tested in an independent testing laboratory for quality and potency to ensure that Nevada patient cardholders will have access to safe medical marijuana products from the dispensaries. Strict labeling requirements that disclose lab findings apply to all items.

“This is an important milestone for our program,” said Chad Westom, Bureau Chief. “There are nearly 9,000 patient cardholders in Nevada who could benefit from medical marijuana for ailments such as cancer, glaucoma, seizures, AIDS and PTSD.”

Medical Marijuana Program Manager Steve Gilbert noted that Nevada’s Medical Marijuana Program staff exceeded his expectations. “In less than 6 months, our program pulled together, supported the MMEs, and collaborated with local jurisdictions efficiently and without undue delay. SWC was the first to open, but many more will soon follow.”

Several medical marijuana establishments are expected to open in the upcoming months.

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