

Calif. regulator admits to anxiety as legal pot nears

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California's emerging marijuana industry is being rattled by an array of unknowns, as the state races to issue its first licenses to grow and sell legal recreational pot on Jan. 1.

"We all have anxiety," top state pot regulator Lori Ajax told an industry group Thursday. "It's not going to be perfect."

California voters in 2016 approved Proposition 64, which legalized recreational pot use for adults in the nation's most populous state. It takes effect in 2018, when the new economy will unite recreational sales with the state's two-decade old medicinal pot market.

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