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County of Santa Barbara
123 East Anapamu Street
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To: County Clerk
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

	Plantel Nurseries Development Plan	
19RVP-00000-00115	Revision (Eastside Expansion)	22NGD-00000-00010
<small>Project Number</small>	<small>Project Title</small>	<small>EIR or ND Number</small>
County of Santa Barbara, Planning and		
2025070730	Development Department	(805) 568-2000
<small>State Clearinghouse Number</small>	<small>Lead Agency</small>	<small>Area Code/Telephone</small>

PROJECT APPLICANT: Rich-Grow Nursery Products, Inc.

PROJECT LOCATION: Assessor's Parcel Number 129-170-004, located at 2775 E. Clark Ave., Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project is a request to permit a Revision to the Plantel Nurseries Development Plan, Case No. 08DVP-00000-00007. The Revision will allow expansion of the permitted nursery operation onto the eastern 77-acre portion of the lot. The expansion will include 1,596,480 square feet of new structural development, including one 24,000-square-foot germination building; up to 13 pre-fabricated greenhouses for a total of 1,572,480 square feet; a 437,000-cubic-foot stormwater retention/detention facility; a 1.3-million-gallon irrigation water storage and recycling facility; a water filtration and recirculation facility with four 250,000-gallon water storage tanks; 107,897 sf of additional landscaping; and new parking areas and internal access paths. The proposed expansion of operations on the eastern portion of the property includes the following additional equipment: 416 additional Holland Heaters (Model HHB120); one 0.4 MMBtu Raypack Hi Delta Boiler; three All-Terrain Vehicles; 10 Propane-Fueled Forklifts; one Yard Mule; and two 0.5-MMBtu Heaters. Operational staffing of the expansion area would require an additional 10 full-time employees. Hours of operation for the expansion area would be the same as existing operations: Monday to Friday, from 6:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., year-round. The Project will be completed in two stages. The first stage will include all grading and infrastructure for the additional greenhouses (e.g., water and drainage lines); the construction of the germination building; the water and irrigation-related structures; and the first four greenhouses. The second stage will involve

the installation of additional greenhouses on an as-needed basis, with an estimated two per year. Total construction is expected to last for approximately 5 years (62 months).

This is to advise that the County Planning Commission approved the above described project on February 11, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. The project did did not] require discretionary approval from a state agency.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

- Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 123 East Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 624 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455
- Online: <https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/q97rv82305oyfnbdjhcyxrrdhu3dgkqy/folder/364158308465>

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Date

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