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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: DNA Organics, Inc.

Project Location: The Project is located at 2028 Old Airline HWY, Paicines, CA 95034 in San Benito County.

County: San Benito

Project Description:
The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis License submitted on 8/7/2025, by Mathew Groves. DNA Organics, Inc. applied for a cannabis Distributor Transport-Only and cultivation business.

Project Activities:
The proposed project will operate a Distributor Transport-Only out of an existing facility located at 2028 Old Airline HWY, Paicines, CA 95034 (APN's 027-030-023, 027-030-024, 027-030-025, and 027-030-027). The applicant will cultivate on a maximum of 160 acres of canopy on an existing property totaling ±408 acres in the Agricultural Rangeland (AR) zone. The property is located west or HWY 25 and south of the Paicines Reservoir. The Distribution Transport-Only license will support cultivation business. The property is surrounded by a welded-wire galvanized steel fence, hosts several agriculture buildings and accessible by a dirt road. The parcel is flat and hosts several oak trees.

Exemption Status: (check one)

☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
X Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs,. Title 14, §15301]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☐ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption Project. Class 1 Categorical Exemptions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations to existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project involves the use of an existing building with no proposal for building expansion. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the Project are compatible with the existing and future land uses within the vicinity as it is zoned light industrial zoned. None of the exceptions to the exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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