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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: HR HAMILTON CORP (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 001-200-014-000 in Nevada County.

County: Nevada County

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code, Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Medium Outdoor and Processing commercial cannabis license.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of 14,892 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation with light deprivation and 2,430 square feet of support area. The 14,892 square feet of canopy will be distributed among nine 9-foot by 90-foot beds, 28 5.5-foot by 58-foot beds, and two 10-foot by 55-foot beds, as shown on the attached site plans. The 2,430 square feet of support area is aggregated from one 40 by 60-foot processing facility, and one 5' by 6' nutrient and chemical storage shed. The processing building, owned by Ghost Processing (Thomas Whyte), will be used for dry harvest storage, processing, packaging, and administrative hold. This entire cannabis cultivation and processing operation includes a total of one (1) full-time employee. The processing facility will have four parking spaces plus one ADA parking space for a total of five parking spaces. No noise producing equipment will be used outside the processing facility, however the processing building will utilize up to three interior exhaust fans, four heat pump condenser units, one refrigeration condenser unit, and four dehumidifiers. An evaluation of the project noise by Saxelby Acoustics predicts that the operation will comply with Nevada County noise standards. The entire cultivation and processing area will be secured by a 6' tall metal fence. Video surveillance will be installed to cover all entry points into the building and greenhouses. All water for the processing facility will be supplied by the existing well on-site. The footprint of the disturbance associated with the amendment is smaller than the disturbance of the previous approval (PLN21-0131). The impacts were previously analyzed, and the mitigation measures associated with PLN21-0131/MGT21-0057 have been carried forward. A Notice of Applicability was issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board for the cannabis cultivation operation which contains requirements that the applicant must meet to ensure water quality is not impaired.

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)]
☐ Categorical Exemption: [CCR, Sec. 15301]
☒ Statutory Exemptions: [CCR, Sec. 15183]
☐ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is consistent with the local jurisdiction community plan and/or zoning designations. On May 14, 2019, Nevada County Resolution No. 19-199 certified a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR; SCH #2018082023) for the Nevada County Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. On January 10, 2023, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted an Addendum to the certified PEIR which analyzed potential impacts associated with amendments to the Nevada County Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. CEQA mandates that the project is consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified and shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects

which are peculiar to the project or its site. The project activity fits within the parameters included in CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 and the activity does not require additional CEQA analysis.

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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