



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**

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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
Cultivation Licensing Branch  
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Project Title: Adams St. Enterprises

Project Location: The Project is located at 3144 W Adams Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704 in Orange County.

County: Orange 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 Cannabis distribution License submitted on 10/17/2025, by Ford Smith.

Project Activities:

The proposed project will operate a distribution business out of an existing facility located at 3144 W ADAMS ST, SANTA ANA, CA 92704 (APN 414-121-15). The two buildings on the property total 20,060 sq ft on 1.22 acres. The buildings are warehouses constructed in 1973 and renovated in 2021. In addition, the buildings are surrounded by a chain link fence, provides a parking lot, and hosts several ornamental trees. The property is located on the corner of S. Susan Street and W. Adams Street. The neighborhood is zoned for Industrial and Light Industrial Use.

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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