



**Department of
Cannabis Control**
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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Project Title: CONNECTED MERCED LLC

Project Location: The Project is located at 1987 W OLIVE AVE, MERCED, CA 95348 in Merced County.

County: Merced

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 02/26/2025 by Caleb Counts.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of a cannabis distribution practice located at 1987 W OLIVE AVE, MERCED, CA 95348. The APN is 058-030-036. It will operate out of an existing 35,860 SF building on a lot area of 9.71 acres. There will also be cannabis volatile and non-volatile manufacturing, as well as 22,000 SF of cultivation on site.

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: [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 industrial 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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