



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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Project Title: Clear Water Farms LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 22745 Covelo Refuse Road (APN 032-570-32-00) in Covelo, CA.

County: Mendocino

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code, Section 26012, approved a Small Mixed-Light commercial cannabis license submitted on 9/26/2025 by Christopher Estrada.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of cannabis cultivation on an existing site located at 22745 Covelo Refuse Road (APN 032-570-32-00). This project has been issued Mendocino County cultivation permit CAN-C-2022-0009. The site is zoned Rural Residential (RR:10) and was previously used for cattle grazing. This site now includes cannabis production with no plans for future expansion. Activities that take place include cannabis cultivation, drying, curing, weighing, trimming, disposal, and storage. The project would continue to source water from an onsite well, there is onsite septic for wastewater, and power is provided by PG&E.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 (CCR), § 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, § 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption, CCR §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, § 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. None of the exceptions to this exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply.

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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