



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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Project Title: Merce Essence Farms LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 2265 MORGAN HILL RD HAYFORK, CA 96041 (APN: 017-350-058-000) in Trinity County.

County: Trinity 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 small outdoor commercial cannabis license.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of 8,001 SF of canopy on a parcel with land use designation rural residential 2.5 acre. Supporting infrastructure include an existing 24.5'x40' shop for immature, processing and harvest storage; proposed 10'x10' compost area, proposed 20'x40' immature canopy area, two (2) 8.5'x8.5' sheds for ag chemical storage and fuel storage; a permitted onsite groundwater well, two (2) 2,500-gallon water storage tanks and proposed two (2) 2,500-gallon water storage tanks.

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. 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.

Trinity County Resolution No. 2020-103 certifying the EIR can be found here:

https://www.trinitycounty.org/sites/default/files/Planning/CANNABIS/Programmatic_EIR/FEIR/BOS%20Cannabis%20EIR%20Resolution%202020-103.pdf.

Trinity County Ordinance No. 315-823 approving commercial cannabis regulations can be found here:

https://www.trinitycounty.org/sites/default/files/Planning/CANNABIS/Programmatic_EIR/FEIR/Amended%20Cannabis%20Program%20Ordinance%20315-849.pdf.

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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