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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: Desert Haze Co (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 2205 Needles Hwy, Needles, CA 92363, in San Bernardino County.

County: San Bernardino

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 License submitted on 7/24/2025, by Christopher Close. Desert Haze Co applied for a Retail Storefront Commercial Cannabis License in an existing facility.

Project Activities:

The Proposed Project will operate a Storefront Retail license within a newly constructed building at 2205 Needles Hwy, Needles, CA 92363 (APN 0185-267-11-0000). The Project involves construction of a 3,458 square foot building for the operation of a combination Retail Cannabis Business and consumption lounge. The Storefront Retail will occupy a suite within the building totaling 1,014 square feet and 1,326 square feet will be allocated for the consumption lounge. The Proposed Project will replace an existing vacant lot.

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 3 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15303]
- 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 3 Categorical Exemption project. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project establishes a proposed Retail Cannabis Dispensary Business and will only result in the construction of a new small facility or structure replacing an existing vacant lot. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the Project are compatible with the existing and future land uses within the vicinity. 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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