



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

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

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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
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Project Title: Big Budz Farms LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 23651 Road 337D, Covelo, CA 95469.

County: Mendocino County

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code, Section 26012, approved a Small Outdoor commercial cannabis license submitted on 02/22/2026, by 5MIL Logistics, LLC.

Project Activities: The project consists of 9,016 square feet of Small Outdoor cannabis cultivation. The property is approximately 10 acres in size, zoned RR10, which allows cannabis cultivation. The water source is a permitted well. The estimated water use per season is estimated to be 100,000 gallons per year. No construction or modifications to existing buildings are proposed as the buildings to be used for cultivation are already in place.

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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