Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency): City of Cathedral City
68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234
(Address)

Project Title: Administrative Design Review (PLAN-ADR-26-0007)

Project Applicant: James Christiansen, Phoenix Farms

Project Location - Specific:
36399 Cathedral Canyon Drive
(APN: 687-322-012)

Project Location - City: Cathedral City Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To rename existing cultivation rooms, depicted in the drawings approved through Conditional Use Permit (CUP) NO. 17-031A, to new cultivation room designations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Cathedral City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clarence D. "Skip" Smith, Jr.

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Commonsense exemption 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposal to rename existing cultivation rooms does not involve new development or site modifications, and therefore, covered by the commonsense exemption which states that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Clarence D. "Skip" Smith, Jr. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-770-0358

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Clarence D. Smith Jr. Date: 6/5/2026 Title: Planning Assistant

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____