

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th St
Sacramento CA 95814

FROM: Public Agency: County of Monterey
Housing & Community Development
Address: 1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

County Clerk

County of Monterey

Project Title: McCahon G Andrew & Laurie A McCahon Trs (PLN170127)

Project Applicant: McCahon G Andrew & Laurie A McCahon Trs (C/O Flood Gates LLC)

Project Location - Specific: 1400 San Juan Road, Royal Oaks

Project Location - City: Royal Oaks Project Location - County: County of Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Commercial Cannabis in 715,000 square feet of existing greenhouses and approximately 6,000 square feet of non-volatile processing/manufacturing in an existing building.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Monterey

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Valeria Castelo C/O Flood Gates LLC

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: 15301 & none of the exceptions under Section 15300.2 apply.

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Permitting, licensing and minor alterations of existing structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing

Lead Agency Contact Person: Summer Obledo

Area Code/Telephone Extension: (831)783-7096

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? **No**

Signature: Summer Obledo

Date: June 29, 2026

Title: Permit Technician II

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code Date Received for filing at OPR: _____.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.