Department of Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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Project Title: Chips18, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 3700 CA-135, Los Alamos, CA 93455 (APN: 099-030-058).

County: Santa Barbara County

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code, Section 26012, approved two (2) medium outdoor commercial cannabis license submitted on 3/19/2026, by Martin Thomas.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of the addition of two (2) medium outdoor cannabis licenses with up to one (1) acre of canopy each. The total canopy on site is now 40.5 acres, with up to 60 total acres. The specific location of the additional 2 acres of canopy occurs on previously graded outdoor fields zoned for agricultural uses by the county. The business operates an additional processing license at the site. Irrigation water is provided by an onsite ground water well and supplemental power from PG&E and rented diesel generators.

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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