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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

<p>To:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research</p> <p><i>U.S. Mail:</i> P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk</p> <p>County of: <u>Trinity</u> Address: <u>11 Court Street, P.O.Box 1215, Weaverville, CA 96093</u></p>	<p><i>Street Address:</i> 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Address: <u>530 Main Street P.O. Box 2819 Weaverville, CA 96093</u> Contact: <u>Drew Plebani</u> Phone: <u>530-623-1351</u></p> <p>Lead Agency (if different from above): Address: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____</p>
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018122049

Project Title: Higher Elevation Farm LLC (CCL-854)

Project Applicant: Josh Riffle and Megan Hensley

Project Location (include county): 415 Mule Gulch Road, Douglas City (Trinity), CA 96024

Project Description: The proposed cultivation project described herein (Project) includes the cultivation of up to 10,000 square feet (SF) of outdoor mature canopy located in Trinity County on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 015-250-001-000. The applicant is seeking a Specialty Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the County (CCL-854) and also seeking an Adult Use Specialty Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC). Cultivation activities are approved to include approx. 4,956sqft of mature canopy consisting of a 30'x60' hoop house (with two (2) 4'x50' rows for canopy, 400sqft total), twenty-four (24) 300-gal smart pots (with 28sqft canopy each, totaling 672sqft), and multiple hoop row raised beds in the lower garden, 5'x64', 5'x60', 4'x96', 5'x90, three (3) 5'x100' and three (3) 5'x50'. Existing support infrastructure is approved to include a permitted onsite groundwater well, a 25'x36' shop for processing and harvest storage, two (2) 10'x12' sheds for multi-use including ag chemical, general and harvest storage, etc. (not including processing); a 12'x12' compost area; two (2) 2,500-gallon, one (1) 1,500-gallon and one (1) 1,100-gallon water storage tank. Power for the project is provided by onsite solar systems and there is a permitted onsite septic system to serve the project's wastewater needs. A more detailed project description can be found in the Appendix C Checklist.

This is to advise that the Trinity County Community Development Department- Cannabis Division has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on May 16, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. (date).

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Trinity County Community Development Department- Cannabis Division (530 Main Street, Weaverville CA 96093)

The County finds that the adoption of the proposed project falls within the Trinity County Cannabis Program Environmental Impact Report ("EIR")(SCH# 2018122049). Certified by the Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2020 (Resolution 2020-103). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14) Section 15168, the impacts associated with the proposed project were studied, and mitigation measures concerning such impacts were developed, in the Cannabis Program EIR. No further environmental review is required because the County finds, based on substantial evidence in the Record of Proceedings, that approval of this project is a "later activity" associated with the Cannabis Program EIR, as defined by subsection (c) of Section 15168, in that (i) all impacts associated with the approval of this project are within the scope of environmental review previously studied, and (ii) the requirements and mitigations required by Chapter 17.43 and 17.43G of the Trinity County Code, adequately serve to mitigate the impacts associated with approval of this project.

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Cannabis Division Director

Date: 5/16/25 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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