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Notice of Determination

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From:

Public Agency: Trinity County Community
Development Department

Address: 530 Main Street P.O. Box 2819
Weaverville, CA 96093

Contact: Drew Plebani

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Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

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: Merce Essence Farms LLC (CCL-872)

Project Applicant: Mercedes Thao

Project Location (include county): 2265 Morgan Hill Road, Hayfork (Trinity), CA 96041

Project Description: The proposed cultivation project described herein (Project) includes the cultivation of up to 10,000 square feet (SF) of mature canopy located in Trinity County on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 017-350-058-00, -057 and -056. The applicant is seeking a Small Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the County (CCL-872) and is also seeking an Adult-Use Small Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) also including proposed Self-Transport Type 13 Distribution license from the DCC. Cultivation activities are approved to include approx. 8,001sqft of mature canopy to be installed within an approx. 13,000sqft (50'x137'x140'x130') previously disturbed flat area in (283) pots with 6' diameter canopy each otherwise to be replaced by 6' hoop rows and raised beds with the 6' canopy area being measured in the same footprint. Supporting infrastructure is approved to include an existing 24.5'x40' shop for immature, processing and harvest storage; proposed 10'x10' compost area, proposed 20'x40' immature canopy area, two (2) 8.5'x8.5' sheds for ag chemical storage and fuel storage; a permitted onsite groundwater well, two (2) 2,500-gallon water storage tanks and proposed two (2) 2,500-gallon water storage tanks. Proposed activities are approved to include minimal construction on previously disturbed areas as detailed above. Power for the project is provided by TPUD and there is a permitted septic onsite to serve the project's wastewater needs. A more detailed description can be found in the Appendix C. SPECIAL NOTES: 1. Option 1 including ABR, CDP-25-67 was formally abandoned 11/17/2025; this determination includes approval of Option 2 only, with all proposed mature

canopy on APN 017-350-058. 2. Future plans to expand mature canopy up to the allowable 10,000sqft on additional "space directly north and east of the residence", are not included with approval of this determination, at this time..

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 January 2, 2026 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: Community Development Director

Date: 1/2/25 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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