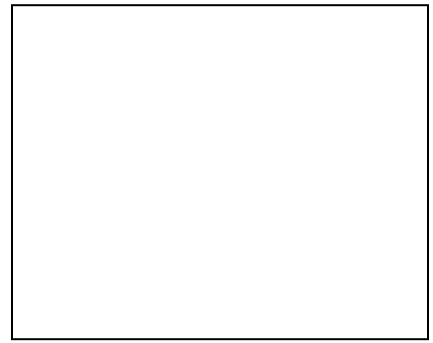


**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**



<b>Project Title:</b>	County of Monterey (45 Cannabis Project Sites)
<b>File Number:</b>	REF150048
<b>Owner:</b>	Refer to text
<b>Project Location:</b>	Multiple sites (Refer to text)
<b>Primary APN:</b>	000-000-000-000
<b>Project Planner:</b>	Craig Spencer
<b>Permit Type:</b>	Programmatic
<b>Project Description:</b>	The 45 proposed project sites contain existing greenhouses that were previously used for various agricultural production, including herbs, crops, and cut flowers. The project sites would require commercial cannabis permits to convert and reuse the existing greenhouses and industrial structures for cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, post-harvest production, and distribution. A large portion of the proposed project sites (31) are currently utilizing the existing greenhouses and other structures on the sites for cannabis production. In addition to the 31 sites with existing operational greenhouses, 14 sites would convert existing greenhouses to cannabis production uses. The project would not require demolition of existing facilities or construction of new facilities, as the cannabis operations would use existing greenhouses or buildings. Should any sites require demolition or rebuilding in the future, additional CEQA review may be required when such activities are proposed.

THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT HAS BEEN FOUND:

- a) That said project will not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment.
- b) That said project will have no significant impact on long-term environmental goals.
- c) That said project will have no significant cumulative effect upon the environment.
- d) That said project will not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

<b>Decision Making Body:</b>	Planning Commission
<b>Responsible Agency:</b>	County of Monterey
<b>Review Period Begins:</b>	June 17, 2020
<b>Review Period Ends:</b>	July 17, 2020

Further information, including a copy of the application and Initial Study are available upon appointment at the Monterey County RMA Planning, 1441 Schilling Place South 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salinas, CA 93901/(831) 755-5025 and are available online at: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/resource-management-agency-rma-/planning/resources-documents/environmental-documents/pending>