



**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**



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From: Department of Food and Agriculture
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing
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Project Title: IPF Agricultural Corp. (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 189 Hughes Road, in Santa Cruz County.

County: Santa Cruz County

Project Description:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on 02/21/2020, by IPF Agricultural Corp. The IPF Agricultural Corp applied for a medium outdoor, using no artificial lighting.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of the operation of a cannabis cultivation facility with approximately 44,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor mature canopy and 22,000 square feet of immature canopy, with up to two cultivators. The project includes approximately 29,640 square feet of phased greenhouse space to include recognition of three existing 1,560 square foot greenhouses (4,680 square feet), construction of two 8,424 square foot greenhouses and one 6,552 square greenhouse, and one 1,560 square foot greenhouse. All greenhouses are proposed to include electricity, plumbing, and natural gas. The cultivation operation includes drying, curing, and storage within an existing 3,800 square foot warehouse/processing building and a proposed 127 square foot lavatory addition to the warehouse for employee use. The project includes approximately 5,574 cubic yards cut, and 5,362 cubic yards fill for improved access road, cultivation terracing, drainage, site accessibility, and parking areas; and demolition of all existing stables.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec. 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 30 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15303]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Based on information contained in the administrative record CDFA finds that the project elements (Application LCA20-0000238) are eligible for a Class 3 categorical exemption. CDFA finds that either the project or project elements fit within the parameters included in CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, and 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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