



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



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Project Title: Glass Castle LLC – LCA20-1555, LCA20-0001564, LCA20-0001565, LCA20-0001566, LCA20-0001567, LCA20-0001568, LCA20-0001569, LCA20-0001570, LCA20-0001571

Project Location: The Project is located at 275 Coward Road (APN: 051-731-06), in Santa Cruz County

County: Santa Cruz

Project Description:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, is seeking to approve a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on June 6, 2020, by Benjamin Choi.

Project Activities:

The project includes approximately 332,280 square feet cultivation within three existing greenhouses, temporary placement of three, 8 by 40 foot cargo containers for track and trace functions, future use of approximately 3,214 square feet of an existing 9,250 square foot packing shed for drying, storage and track and trace functions, and recognition of a mobile home as a temporary agricultural caretakers quarters, previously approved in 1995. The project includes two phases: Phase One to include use of three, 8 by 40-foot cargo containers for track and trace functions; and Phase Two to include use of the existing packing shed for drying and track and trace functions, and removal of the Phase One Cargo Containers.

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 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Food and Agriculture 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.

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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