

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Food and Agriculture
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing
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Project Title: Brown Valley Farms, LLC – Small Mixed Light Tier 1 License

Project Location: The Project is located at APN: 107-181-26 and 107-181-09, 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, is seeking to approve a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on October 22, 2019, by Kevin Vu.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of a total of 114,938 square foot of cultivation on parcel numbers 107-181-09 and 107-181-26. Application LCA19-0005127 consists of 9,996 square foot of mixed light canopy, the cultivation of immature plants, processing, and packaging will be located offsite. The project site will add a 160 square foot cargo container, six-foot fencing, and multiple rows of apricot trees. The project site is on an existing organic farming operation within a commercial agriculture zoned area. The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA Class 1.

Exemption Status:

- 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 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15331]
 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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