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Project Title: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. PLN2020-0105 – HEMP CULTIVATION

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City: Modesto, CA Zip: 95354 County: Stanislaus

Project Location: UNINCORPORATED STANISLAUS COUNTY City/Nearest Community:

Cross Streets: Zip Code:

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel Number: Section: Twp.: Range: Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:

Airports: Railways: Schools:

Local Public Review Period: (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: October 28, 2020 Ending Date: November 12, 2020

Document Type:

- CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR [x] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Mit Neg Dec [] Other:
NEPA: [] NOI [] EA [] Draft EIS [] FONSI
OTHER: [] Joint Document [] Final Document [] Other:

Local Action Type:

- [] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other

Development Type:

- [] Residential Units: Acres: [] Water Facilities Type: MGD
[] Office Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [] Transportation Type:
[] Commercial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [] Mining Mineral:
[] Industrial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [] Power Type: MW
[] Educational [] Waste Facilities Type: MGD
[] Recreational [] Hazardous Waste Type:
[] OCS Related [x] Other

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- [] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [] Recreation/Parks [] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [] Water Quality
[] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [] Water Supply/Groundwater
[] Archeological/Historical [] Geological/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [] Wetland/Riparian
[] Biological Resources [] Minerals [] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [] Noise [] Solid Waste [] Land Use
[] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [] Toxic/Hazardous [] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [] Public Services/Facilities [] Traffic/Circulation [] Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The proposed regulations apply in all A-2 (General Agriculture) zoning districts.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Request to amend Chapter 6.85 Hemp Cultivation, of the Stanislaus County Code, and to adopt a permanent ordinance for the cultivation of hemp in the A-2 (General Agriculture) zoning district of the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. Hemp cultivation was made federally legal, as well as legal in the State of California in 2018. Subsequent to the 2018 legislation, hemp has been classified as an agricultural commodity in the State of California. Currently, hemp cultivation in Stanislaus County has been permitted by a pilot program that was enacted in 2019, extended through 2020, and concludes on May 1, 2021. The County's pilot program limited hemp cultivation to parcels located in the A-2 (General Agriculture) zoning district only when outside a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) adopted Sphere of Influence of a city, if the parcel is 10 acres or above in size, and no more than 40 acres total will be cultivated. The proposed ordinance amendment will make the pilot program permanent, as well as add requirements for signage, define allowances for onsite processing, and requirements for bonding. Additionally, an amendment to Chapter 21.20 - General Agriculture District (A-2) is being requested to include a reference to the hemp cultivation regulations of Chapter 6.85.

This project is being deemed exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Consistency with a General Plan for which an EIR was adopted, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, the Common-Sense Exemption.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

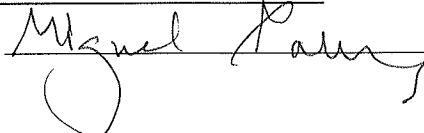
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