

Trinity County Department of Planning

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Trinity County Department of Planning has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft-IS/MND) for the Caccavo Cannabis Cultivation Conditional Use Permit and Variance Project.

Project Location: The Caccavo Cannabis Cultivation Conditional Use Permit and Variance Project is located on a 640-acre property within Trinity County, approximately 6 miles northeast of the unincorporated community of Hayfork. The project site is located at 3800 Barker Creek Road (APN 015-030-01). The project site has been historically used for logging and is currently used for cannabis cultivation. Access to the project site is provided through an existing USFS road (Forest Route 32N03) via Barker Creek Road, which intersects with SR-3. The parcels surrounding the project site are vacant public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Description of Project: The purpose of the project is to expand cannabis cultivation operations on the project site. The applicant is currently licensed to cultivate up to 10,000 s.f. of cannabis canopy area (Type 2, Mixed-Light – Small) and is applying for an expansion to allow up to one-acre (43,560 s.f.) of outdoor and/or mixed-light cannabis canopy area. To allow the expansion, the applicant is applying for a Type 3 (Outdoor - Medium) license or multiple Type 2 (Mixed-Light - Small) licenses. Cultivation would occur in outdoor raised beds and within greenhouses that would be developed on four previously disturbed and graded portions of the project site that were used historically as log landings. The Variance is required for the project since one of the proposed cultivation areas does not comply with the 500-foot property line setback requirement in Trinity County Ordinance 315-823. The mixed-light cultivation activity would not require artificial lighting or additional electricity use. It is proposed to occur with the use of blackout tarps (light deprivation) to allow the applicant to have multiple harvests during the growing season. All processing activity would occur at a licensed, off-site facility. When cannabis flowers are cut, they will be processed onsite by using a fresh-frozen technique, eliminating the needs for drying and trimming buildings. The proposed expansion would employ four full-time employees. In addition to the expanded cultivation activity, the applicant also proposes a 576 s.f. dwelling, a 900 s.f. cannabis waste compost area, and access road improvements including replacement of a bridge and three culverts to meet CDFW design standards.

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Initial Study examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the potential of the project to have an impact on the environment.

Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): Trinity County, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project, the applicant may need to obtain, at a minimum, the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies:

- California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- CALFIRE
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- State Division of Water Rights
- State Water Resources Control Board

A copy of the Draft-IS/MND is available for review on the County of Trinity website at the following address:
<https://www.trinitycounty.org/Planning>.

The public comment period begins on November 3, 2020 and will end on December 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Written comments can be emailed (khunter@trinitycounty.org) or mailed to the attention of Kim Hunter, Trinity County, Department of Planning, 61 Airport Road, Weaverville, California 96093.