



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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



1220 N STREET, SUITE 400, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PHONE: (916) 576-6407

FAX: (916) 576-6408

Email: [CDFA.CalCannabis\\_scientists@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:CDFA.CalCannabis_scientists@cdfa.ca.gov)

To: Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Food and Agriculture  
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing  
2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Project Title: Humboldt Harvest, Inc. – Cannabis Cultivation: Processor

Project Location: The Project is located at 280 Aldergrove Road, Suite A, Arcata CA 95521 in Humboldt County.

County: Humboldt 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 8/19/2020, by Esther Benemann. Esther Benemann applied for a Processor License in an existing warehouse

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of cannabis manufacturing, packaging, distribution, and non-storefront retail sales.

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. The current land use is cannabis manufacturing, distribution, and non-storefront retail sales. There will be no expansion of the existing facility. The project site is sufficiently served by public utilities and there is no evidence the project site is located in an environmentally sensitive area. The exceptions to the exemption do not apply to this project.

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:

Department of Food and Agriculture  
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing  
2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95833

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Montanus  
Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Environmental Scientist  
Contact Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
(916) 576-4249  
Phone #

---

Signature

TO BE COMPLETED BY OPR ONLY

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: