

**675 Wildwood Avenue**  
**Rio Dell, CA 95562**  
**(707) 764-3532**



## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street  
Eureka, CA. 95501

**From: (Public Agency):**  
City of Rio Dell  
675 Wildwood Avenue  
Rio Dell, CA. 95562

**Project Title:** Sweet Grass Farms Conditional Use Permit

**Project Address:** 624 & 908 Monument Road

**Assessor Parcel Number:** 205-071-36 & 38

**Project Location – City:** City of Rio Dell

**Project Location – County:** Humboldt

**Project Description:** A Conditional Use Permit for a (3) three phase buildout of a 30,000 square foot commercial cannabis mixed light (Tier 2) facility, with a 4,000 square foot ancillary nursery, and a 30'x50' processing shop on site for processing, packaging, labeling, and distribution purposes. The project site is provided with community water and an onsite wastewater treatment system.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Rio Dell

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sweet Grass Farms; Thomas & Nicole Norton

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3).

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Planning Commission determined, based on the proposed agricultural project, information submitted, including the Cultural Resource Study, the physical characteristics of the property, the absence of any environmentally sensitive habitat, conditions of approval and comments or lack of from referral agencies, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB), that the project will not result in a significant, substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

**Lead Agency:** City of Rio Dell

**Contact Person:** Kevin Caldwell

**Phone:** (707) 764-3532

**Signature:** 

**Date:** March 10, 2021

**Title:** Community Development Director

**If filed by the applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
 Yes  No

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** March 10, 2021

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public resources Code

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21152.1 Public Resources Code.