



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Humboldt, as Lead Agency, in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) on the project described below. **This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 26, 2021 to June 28, 2021.**

PROJECT TITLE: Eel River Produce, LLC: APNs: 209-331-002; Record Number: PLN-2020-16417.

APPLICANT: Eel River Produce, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A proposal to add 63,200 s.f. of cultivation area consisting of a Special Permit to allow 43,200 s.f., including 33,200 s.f. of outdoor light deprivation in fourteen greenhouses, and 10,000 s.f. mixed light in four greenhouses to be cultivated year-round, and a Zoning Clearance Certificate to allow a fourth RRR consisting of 20,000 s.f. of outdoor light deprivation in five greenhouses. Cultivation will occur from April 15th to October 15th and will achieve up to two harvest cycles. The site is presently permitted for 60,000 square feet of full-sun outdoor through three RRRs. The total cultivation at full build-out will be 133,200 square feet (3.06 acres). A 10,000-square-foot commercial nursery in four (4) greenhouses will produce seeds and clones and was approved with a separate ZCC. No supplemental light is used in the light-deprivation or nursery greenhouses. The sole source of irrigation water is rainwater catchment captured directly in and stored in hard tanks. Estimated annual water use is 161,500 gallons, of which 19,000 gallons is used for the nursery. Water storage totals 120,000 gallons in twenty-four (24) hard tanks, with an additional 50,000 gallons proposed. At peak harvest, there will be up to fourteen (14) workers on-site. Harvested product will be dried in the greenhouses, or fresh frozen and taken off-site. No processing occurs on-site. P.G.&E. supplies renewable power to the site. A Special Permit is also required to vary from the 600' setback from Humboldt Redwoods State Park to a distance of 446'.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Redcrest area, on the south side of Holmes Flat Road, approximately 1,700 feet west from the intersection of Holmes Flat road and Tierney Road, on the property known as 1048 Holmes Flat Road. APN 209-331-002. Section 34, T1North, R2 East.

ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND WHERE COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED:

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The project and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the Humboldt County Zoning Administrator at a future public hearing. A separate notice for this hearing will be provided pursuant to Humboldt County Code 312-8 et seq.

Specific questions regarding the proposed project and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be directed to Desmond Johnston at (707) 441-2622 or djohnston@co.humboldt.ca.us.

May 26, 2021