



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
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**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
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From: Department of Food and Agriculture  
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing  
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Project Title: People's Farming, LLC Project

Project Location: The Project is located at APN 024-080-027-000, 024-080-076-000 & 024-080-074-000 in Kings County.

County: Kings 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 02/26/2021 by People's Farming, LLC. People's Farming, LLC applied for small licenses in outdoor using no artificial lighting of 160 net acres of canopy. Main access is via a service road off Idaho Ave, north of the property (± 0.63 miles), along with a parking lot. The main entrance will have a mobile guard trailer, a mobile office trailer, nutrient storage and a regulating reservoir for irrigation water. Additional access gates are located on the south property line, leading out to Jackson Ave, and east property line, leading out to South 19th Ave.

The elevation change from one side of the property to the other is negligible as the site is flat with no water crossings. The property is surrounded by existing farmland on all sides, with the existing Racetrack and BMX track located immediately adjacent on the north-side before returning to farmland north of that. It is zoned Light Industrial (ML) and approved for Cannabis cultivation by the City of Lemoore.

Water for irrigation will be provided from the City of Lemoore. The site is not within one mile of a K-12 school, a neighborhood park, or a community park.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of installation of security fencing, and external security lighting around the property, installation of a camera and CCTV system, installation of internet access points for the mobile structures and equipment, and installation of three fertilizer mixing tanks for use with the irrigation.

No permanent structures will be built on the on the land or on the property. There will be mobile structures brought onto the property for purposes of an office and guard shack. These mobile structures are not affixed to the land.

The property has existing access roads around the perimeter of the property as well several through the middle of the property. These roads have been maintained for safety and dust prevention, no new roads have been installed or graded on the property.

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 4 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15304]
- 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 4 Categorical Exemption project. Class 4 Categorical Exemptions consist of minor alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

The site is using retail water from the City for irrigation and Written Verification a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is not needed was issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Per <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways> the site is not located on a scenic highway. The project does not impact scenic resources.

Per <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/> the site is not identified as containing hazardous or contaminated materials.

There are no potential significant resources on the site per the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) or the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). There are no known historical resources on the subject parcel. The project will not impact neighboring parcels or structures. Grading and/or digging below the existing grade is not an approved component of this project.

There is no evidence that the project would contribute to a significant cumulative impact within the City of Lemoore.

There is no evidence of a significant environmental impact due to unusual circumstances within the City of Lemoore.

There is no evidence of resource of hazardous or critical concern.

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:

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