

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

This Notice of Intent was issued during the Sonoma County Shelter in Place order. Additional accommodations and digital file review are available.

- WHO:** Project Applicant, Al Eaddy on behalf of Free Stone Ranch, LLC, and ASG Northbay Inc., Permit Sonoma File No. UPC17-0069.
- WHAT:** Request for a five-year limited-term Conditional Use Permit for 39,861 square feet of outdoor cultivation, 3,150 square feet of hoop-house cultivation, 500 square feet of indoor cultivation/wholesale nursery and associated propagation, and processing of site-grown plants. The project will utilize an existing building for the indoor grow area. There will be no manufacturing on site. The applicant is proposing to process the indoor cannabis on-site. The project would have a maximum of 6 full-time employees. During harvest season, the project would operate 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Delivery and shipping activities would be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The project would not be open to the public. The project site is currently operating under the Penalty Relief Program. The project is on a 10.72-acre parcel located at 1478 Valley Ford Freestone Road in Bodega. **APN 026-080-009. Supervisorial District 5.**

Parcel Zoning: Land Extensive Agriculture Combining District (LEA B6 160).

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND released by Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 is available through the project planner at this time.

- WHERE & WHEN:** After the close of the IS/MND public review period, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hearing body is *tentatively* scheduled to hold a public hearing on **August 31, 2021** to consider the adoption of the IS/MND. A final hearing notice will be issued ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

- ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:** Project materials and associated documents normally available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 are now available through the Project Planner, cjaroslowsky@migcom.com and through Planner@sonoma-county.org. Alternative record accommodations are available upon request.

- GETTING INVOLVED:** If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is June 22, 2021 to July 22, 2021. Comments on the IS/MND must be received by July 22, 2021, **at 5:00PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the public hearing scheduled as above.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

- NOTICE ALSO PUBLISHED:** Press Democrat, June 22, 2021

- DATE:** June 22, 2021