



## NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation;  
UPC18-0037

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** Patrick Bransford

**Applicant Address:** 2260 Los Alamos Road,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

**Project Location:** 2260 Los Alamos Road,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

**Date of Approval:** 2 November 2021

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office Office of Planning and

County of Sonoma Research

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113

Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk**

BY: 

**Betsy Penn, Deputy Clerk**

### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Use Permit for an outdoor commercial cannabis operation of 43,560 square feet of cultivation, 10,890 square feet of propagation and self-distribution. No new structures are required for the operation. The operation will have four full time employees and four additional seasonal employees during harvest. Outdoor cultivation activities will occur 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, as needed. Deliveries and shipping operations will be limited to the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The operation will not be open to the public.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

### REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Permit Sonoma has determined that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The project involves seasonal outdoor cultivation of an area constituting 1.60 acre of the 40-acre parcel, or four percent of the overall project site. The use does not require additional grading, vegetation removal, construction of new structures or placement of impervious surfaces. A categorical exemption is also appropriate because the evidence supports the conclusion the Project will not have a significant impact on wildfire risk or evacuation plans in the event of an emergency.

The proposed activity is also covered by the common sense exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question could have a significant impact on the environment. No exceptions listed under CEQA Section 15300.2 apply, including the "unusual circumstances" exception because the evidence in the record supports the conclusion that there is no reasonable possibility the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The evidence does not support a finding that an unusual circumstance exists and the Biological Assessment, water analysis, and traffic analysis did not identify significant effects on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**



Marina Herrera, Project Planner

Permit Sonoma

Project Review Division, (707) 565-2397

**This notice was posted on 11/04/2021  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 12/05/2021**

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

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| RECEIPT NUMBER:<br>49-11042021-477         |
| STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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| LEAD AGENCY<br>S/C PERMIT & RESOURCE MGT. | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL             | DATE<br>11/04/2021 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>SONOMA   | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>21-1104-01 |                    |

PROJECT TITLE  
OUTDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION; UPC18-0037

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>PATRICK BRANSFORD     | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>(707) 565-1900 |                   |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>2260 LOS ALAMOS RD | CITY<br>SANTA ROSA      | STATE<br>CA                    | ZIP CODE<br>95409 |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,445.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,480.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,171.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

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| SIGNATURE<br> | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE<br>Betsy Penn, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder |
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