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Trinity County
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

TRINITY COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS USE PERMIT PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021110119

Dear Ms. Lisa Lozier:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing water supply permits administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and may require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations title 22, chapter 16 et. seq).

The proposed Project includes expansion of an existing Type 2 "Small Outdoor" commercial cannabis cultivation operation into a Type 3 "Medium Outdoor" commercial cannabis operation. The Project will allow for up to 43,560-square feet of mature/flowering cannabis canopy split between two parcels and a variance to site the land less than 500-feet from adjacent property lines. The applicant is also applying to change their transport license into a distribution license for up to 500-square feet and add a "nursery" license.

The area will have up to a 6,000-square foot commercial cannabis nursery and a multi-use building that will include a 1,500-foot shared employee area that provides for an employee break rooms, bathrooms, and a general office. A distribution type area and 8,000-square foot cannabis post-harvest area will also be included as part of the building.

The project site includes all areas used for processing, distribution, cannabis cultivation, including gardens, greenhouses, soil staging and material storage areas, ancillary buildings, the drip irrigation system, and access roads so the area can be accessed through the proposed cannabis area. The project will also include rainwater catchment, storage for petroleum products, chemicals and fertilizers, a cannabis waste area, vegetative screening, twenty 5,000-gallon water tanks for water storage, 29 parking spaces, roads, groundwater wells, a commercial gate and lock, and security fences and cameras. Parcel two includes an existing 20 gallon per minute well.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has the following comments on the County's draft MND.

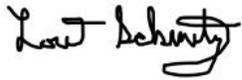
- DDW regulates public water systems in Trinity County. "Public water system" means a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. A public water system includes the following: (1) Any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of the system that are used primarily in connection with the system, (2) Any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under the control of the operator that are used primarily in connection with the system, (3) Any water system that treats water on behalf of one or more public water systems for the purpose of rendering it safe for human consumption, (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 116275 [h]). The Project proposes 31 employees will work at the site and that an employee break room, bathroom, and an office are proposed, which should all be supplied with potable water. Groundwater wells are also proposed. Please clarify if the domestic potable water system for the proposed project will meet the definition of a public water system. If so:
 - Please describe the proposed drinking water source.
 - Please describe all proposed drinking water infrastructure (wells, storage tanks, treatment, etc.) that will be installed and the capacity of the components.
 - Please include on a map, the domestic water system components to be installed
- CCR Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 14, Article 1, Section 64001 requires a public water system apply for a permit. CCR Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 3, Section 64560 requires that for any well that will serve a public water system the well designs and specifications shall be submitted to DDW for review and site approval. If a new public water system will be formed, applicable documents should be submitted to the District office.
- The Project includes an existing and new septic system that will be used for wastewater treatment. California regulations require separation of water service lines and domestic supply wells from leach fields and other sources of potential contamination. Projects that install multiple public services may require alternatives to California Waterworks Standards (CWS). If the Project will include implementing an alternative (CCR section 64551.0) to CWS, please include such plans in the CEQA document as part of the Project analysis.

If it is determined the Project will be a new public water system, once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the water system's permit application to the State Water Board, Klamath District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP);
- Copy of any comment letters received and the lead agency responses, as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND and MMRP;
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Trinity County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Barry Sutter of the Klamath District Office, at (530) 224-4875 or barry.sutter@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Schmitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a stylized "S".

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