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(Address)

Project Title: Cannabis Ordinance Amendments

Project Applicant: San Benito County Resource Management Agency, 2301 Technology Pkwy., Hollister, Cal.,

Project Location - Specific: County-wide Ordinance

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: San Benito

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed ordinance amendments seek to enhance economic development in San Benito County and to achieve parity with surrounding jurisdictions that have adopted less restrictive commercial cannabis regulations. The proposed changes to the ordinance include removing administrative barriers and restrictions, including but not limited to: (1) application review and evaluation, (2) eliminating employee work permit requirements, (3) allowing outdoor cannabis cultivation, (4) replacement of the variance requirements with an exception review for setback reductions, (5) allowing cannabis distribution, and (6) adding the Airport Safety (AS) District to the zone districts allowing cannabis businesses.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Benito Co. Resource Management Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Robin Bolster-Grant

Exempt Status: (check one):

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt: Finding: Pursuant to San Benito County Local Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this project qualifies for an exemption from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemptions (California Code of Regulations §15061(b)(3),

Evidence: Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), CEQA review is not required because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the ordinance will have significant effect on the environment in that all proposed cannabis business operations will be subject to existing best management practices and are subject to issuance of a discretionary conditional use permit with appropriate environmental review.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robin Bolster-Grant, Assistant Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831 902-2273
Planning and Building

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *RBG* Date: 11/16/2021 Title: Assistant Director Planning and Building

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant