



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [ ] Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[x] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Land Use Permit for Industrial Hemp Cultivation, Terpene Belt Farms in Byron; County file #CDLP22-02013

Project Applicant: Laura Horton, 1212 Broadway Suite 910, Oakland, CA 94612; (415) 235-0492

Project Location: 5840 Lindemann Road, Byron 94514, Contra Costa County, Parcel Number: 001-061-007

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Contact Person: Dominique Vogelpohl (925) 655-2880

Project Description: A request for approval of a Land Use Permit to allow industrial hemp cultivation on a 17.27-acre parcel where industrial hemp had been cultivated prior to adoption of the County's Industrial Hemp Ordinance (Chapter 88-34). The industrial hemp operation, Terpene Belt Farms, is a 304-acre site located in both Alameda and Contra Costa County. The industrial hemp cultivation land use permit will apply to the 17.27-acre parcel located within Contra Costa County.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Exempt Status:

- [ ] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [x] Categorical Exemption (Sec.15304)
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) [ ] General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) [ ] Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is categorically exempt under Class 4: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15304, which exempts, minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The Project site is an existing outdoor industrial hemp cultivation area that has been operational since 2019 without any violation. Site preparation includes clearing of weeds, tillage, and other agricultural industry practices typical of preparing for cultivation of row crops. No tree removal is necessary. Therefore, the Project meets the criteria of this exemption.

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7/5/2022 Title: Planner III

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [x] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on \_\_\_\_\_ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

- [ ] De Minimis Finding - \$0
[x] County Clerk - \$50
[x] Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_