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CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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From: Department of Cannabis Control
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Project Title: Poole Ridge Farms, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 2425 Pool Ridge Road, in Sonoma County.

County: Sonoma

Project Description:

The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Medium Outdoor Cannabis License submitted on November 15, 2018, by Gus Murad. Gus Murad applied for a Medium Outdoor cultivation license in Sonoma County totaling 15,000 square feet of outdoor cultivation canopy, legalizing an existing cannabis cultivation with no expansion of operations.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of 15,000 square feet of canopy within a total cultivation area of 35,196 square feet within raised pots on existing gravel pads on a 57.99-acre parcel zoned Resources and Rural Development (RRD). The project is served by a groundwater well and solar power. The project will have a maximum of 3 employees, all of whom will be 21 years of age or older. Two employees will reside on site. There will be no manufacturing on site. The operation will operate during daylight hours from April to November. Delivery and shipping activities would be limited to the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days per week. The use shall be operated in accordance with the proposal statement and operational plan located in File No. UPC17-0013, as modified by conditions.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption Project. Class 1 Categorical Exemptions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations to existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project involves the use of an existing cannabis cultivation operation with no proposal for building expansion. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the Project are compatible with the existing and future land uses within the vicinity as it is zoned Resources and Rural Development. None of the exceptions to the exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:

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