



Department of Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: SANTA ANA VENTURES, INC. (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 1821 NEWPORT CIR, SANTA ANA, CA 92705(-5113), in Orange County.

County: Orange County

Project Description:

The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis License submitted on 03/17/2021, by SANTA ANA VENTURES, INC. The SANTA ANA VENTURES, INC. applied for a cannabis retail dispensary.

Project Activities:

The activities occurring at 1821 Newport Circle in Santa Ana California 92705 include a licensed type 10 cannabis retailer and specialty indoor cannabis cultivation. The store operates like any other retail store whereas the operator procures product from suppliers and sells direct to consumer at their storefront. Additionally they have a delivery component allowing the store to deliver product direct to consumers. Retail hours are 8-10. The 1st shift is generally 7:30-2:30/3 and the second shift is 2nd shift is generally 2:30/3 - 10:30.

The specialty indoor cannabis cultivation site that consists of 3968 square feet of mature indoor canopy and 801 square feet of immature plan area. The cultivation operates Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm with one shift of employees. Weekend hours are on a needs basis. This project will entail a relatively small cannabis cultivation facility where cannabis will be grown and processed (trim, dry, cure).

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)]
- X **Categorical Exemption:** [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301 and §15332]
- 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 building 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 light industrial zoned. None of the exceptions to the exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

The Department of Cannabis Control has also determined that the project is a Class 32 Categorical Exemption Project. Class 32 Categorical Exemptions consist of projects characterized as in-fill development that is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations, occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres

substantially surrounded by urban uses, the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

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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