



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**

P.O. BOX 419106, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-9106

PHONE: (844) 612-2322

Email: [LICENSING@CANNABIS@CA.GOV](mailto:LICENSING@CANNABIS@CA.GOV)

---

To: Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Cannabis Control  
Cultivation Licensing Branch  
P.O. Box 419106  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9106

Project Title: EMPIRE MARIJUANA, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 24384 SUNNYMEAD BLVD, SUITES 100-106 & 115, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, in Riverside County.

County: Riverside

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 Retail License submitted on 12/23/2019, by Benjamin Chan. EMPIRE MARIJUANA, LLC applied for a retail license out of an existing facility located at 24384 SUNNYMEAD BLVD, SUITES 100-106 & 115, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 (APN 481-101-029). The applicant will store cannabis products for retail in 2,145 square foot facility.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of 2,145 square feet of retail activities. The project will not expand the existing facility and interior modifications were proposed.

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]  
 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 industrial 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.

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:

Department of Cannabis Control  
Cultivation Licensing Branch  
P.O. Box 419106  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9106

Tiffany Adorno  
Contact Name

Environmental Scientist  
Contact Title

916-251-4491  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

TO BE COMPLETED BY OPR ONLY

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: