



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

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

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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
Environmental Evaluation Office  
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Project Title: Higher Logic, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 3560 Cadillac Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 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 12/27/2022, by Shanna Dupont-Droege. The Shanna Dupont-Droege applied for a Distributor license

Project Activities:

The project will consist of a manufacturing and distribution facility (Fluid South, dba as Sol Distro) located at 3560 Cadillac Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 within a 20,000-square-foot tenant space in an existing industrial building. The proposed facility would include offices, preparation, manufacturing/processing, packaging, staging, storage, and distribution of cannabis products and indoor parking for one delivery vehicle. The facility also includes equipment for brewing non-alcoholic carbonated beverages. The facility will be staffed by at least 32 persons, including transportation drivers. The initial hours of operation are proposed to be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Sunday, increasing to a 24-hour-a-day operation, if demand warrants. The facility will have security systems (card readers, security cameras, etc.) throughout the facility. No cultivation of marijuana, or medical marijuana dispensary, is permitted.

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. None of the exceptions to this exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply.

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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