



**Department of
Cannabis Control**
CALIFORNIA

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

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Cultivation Licensing Branch
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Project Title: Ethan Hightower & Taylor Hightower/Big Sierra Consulting Group, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 19261 Morningside Road, Grass Valley, in Nevada County.

County: Nevada

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 Cultivation License. This project will involve the outdoor cultivation of 9,977.5 square feet of mature cannabis.

Project Activities:

The project involves modifications to an existing cannabis operation. This approval is for 6528 square feet of outdoor canopy grown in twelve (12) agriculturally exempt hoop houses and 3449.5 square feet of outdoor canopy grown in full sun in a mix of pots and cultivation beds. The aggregate mature cannabis canopy is 9977.5 square feet.

The project will also include 8540 square feet of support area located in two areas. One area includes 8000 square feet for processing and drying, the other area is 540 square feet of immature plant canopy located within Cultivation Area 1. The site is accessed by an existing driveway that is used to access the existing residence. The site is served by an existing well for water and an existing septic system for sewage disposal.

The hoop houses will not have indoor utilities, lighting or loud noise producing equipment. The project site is in an existing cultivation site with no suitable habitat for special-status species and no waterways. The project site is located in an area that is already disturbed and proposed nominal new areas of disturbance and minimal vegetation removal.

[DESCRIBE PROJECT ACTIVITIES].

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: [CCR, Section 15183]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Cannabis Control has determined that the project is consistent with the local jurisdiction community plan and/or zoning designations. CEQA mandates that project is consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified and shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site. The project activity fits within the parameters included in CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 and the activity does not require additional CEQA analysis.

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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