

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation in Mendocino County

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Project Location: unincorporated area of Mendocino County

*City*

*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project consists of commercial cannabis cultivation conducted under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) in Mendocino County. As of April 2023, there are 623 commercial cannabis cultivation sites, 23 of which have associated cannabis distribution transport-only operations within the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County that hold provisional state cannabis cultivation licenses, and distribution transport-only licenses and that may therefore operate MAUCRSA, on a conditional basis, for a limited period. Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) is considering whether to transition some or all of these provisional licenses to annual licenses (i.e., whether to issue annual licenses to some or all of these provisional licenses). DCC may also consider other annual licensing actions (e.g., the issuance of new, additional annual cultivation licenses) for future commercial cannabis cultivation within the unincorporated area of the County.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Impact 3.3-3 (Expose a Substantial Number of People to Odors) - no mitigation available.

Impact 3.4-1 (Historic Resource) - Mitigation Measure 3.4-1 (Implement Additional Measures to Protect Historic Resources)

Impact 3.5-1 (Loss of Special-Status Plant Species or Habitat) - Mitigation Measures 3.5-1a (Conduct Preapproval Biological Reconnaissance Surveys), 3.5-1b (Conduct Special-Status Plant Surveys and Implement Avoidance Measures and Mitigation), and 3.5-1c (Implement Measures to Avoid Introduction or Spread of Invasive Plant Species)

Impact 3.5-2 and 3.5-6 (Loss of Special-Status Wildlife Species and Habitat, Movement, Nursery Sites) - Mitigation Measures 3.5-2a through 3.5-2p, 3.5-4, and 3.5-5 (Survey, Avoidance, and Protection Measures for Special-Status Wildlife Species and Habitat)

Impact 3.5-4 (Loss of Sensitive Natural Communities) - Mitigation Measure 3.5-4 (Identify, Avoid, and Protect Sensitive Natural Communities)

Impact 3.5-5 (State or Federally Protect Wetlands) - Mitigation Measure 3.5-5 (Identify Wetlands and Avoid Features)

Impact 3.8-1 (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) - Mitigation Measure 3.8-1 (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures)

Impact 3.12-2 (Construction Vibration) - Mitigation Measure 3.12-2 (Vibration Control Measures)

Impact 3.17-2 (Fire Hazards From Infrastructure) - Mitigation Measure 3.17-2a and 3.17-2b (Fire Prevention Measures)

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Impacts on agriculture and forestry resources.  
Depletion and water theft from existing sources.  
Impacts on land use and planning.  
Impacts related to tribal and cultural resources.  
Visual impacts of commercial cannabis cultivation uses.  
Odor and light impacts.  
Hazardous material use and contamination.  
Impacts from surface water diversions.  
Ecosystem impacts.  
Noise impacts from commercial cannabis cultivation uses.  
Strain on public services, recreation uses, and utilities.  
Increased traffic on roadways.  
Wildfire hazards.  
County and DCC roles in commercial cannabis cultivation licensing.  
Biological and wildlife impacts.  
Employee housing impacts.  
Soil loss from activities.  
Climate change impacts from commercial cannabis cultivation uses.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Mendocino County  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
State Water Resources Control Board  
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Mendocino County Air Quality Management District  
California Air Resources Board