



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
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Project Title: Buck Mountain Cannabis (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 19385 Morningside Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95949 in Nevada County.

County: Nevada 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 Small Mixed-Light Tier 2 commercial cannabis license.

Project Activities: The Project includes 14,950 square feet of mixed-light cannabis canopy and 2,250 square feet of support area. The Project is located on a rural 20.00-acre parcel in an Agricultural zoning district. Cultivation is in 20 ag-exempt hoop houses and 3 greenhouses. The support area includes 232 square feet of non-volatile manufacturing, 132 square feet of distribution, 94 square feet of non-storefront retail, 1,642 square feet of general support area, 2,100 square feet of support area within a commercial structure, and 150 square feet for water storage. Water for the project is provided from an on-site groundwater well. An on-site septic system is used for sewage disposal.

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: [CCR, Sec. 15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [CCR, Sec. 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. On May 14, 2019, Nevada County Resolution No. 19-199 certified a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR; SCH #2018082023) for the Nevada County Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. On January 10, 2023, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted an Addendum to the certified PEIR which analyzed potential impacts associated with amendments to the Nevada County Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. CEQA mandates that the 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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