



Department of
Cannabis Control
CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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Project Title: ARA BLOOMS, LLC (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 12525 Hogan Dam Road in Valley Springs, CA 95252 in Calaveras County.

County: Calaveras 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 medium outdoor commercial cannabis license.

Project Activities: The Project will consist of 43,560 square feet (sf) of outdoor cannabis canopy. Currently the site has an active cultivation license on one site of the property. For the Ara Blooms license, there are 2 small sheds, 1 to be used for holding if needed. The other to be used for storage of chemicals and tools. There is also a 40ft container to be used for tools and future harvest products. Water for the Project would be provided from a well.

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. Calaveras County Board of Supervisors certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Medical Cannabis Cultivation and Commerce Ordinance Project in January 2018. 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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