



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

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

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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
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Project Title: Calamus Nursery (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 1400 San Juan Road, Royal Oaks in Monterey County

County: Monterey County

Project Description:

The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code, Section 26012, approved a commercial cannabis distribution license submitted on May 8, 2024, by Calamus Nursery.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of approximately 715,000 square feet of canopy area for commercial cannabis cultivation in existing and reconstructed greenhouses, and approximately 10,000 square feet of nonvolatile cannabis processing/manufacturing operations within an existing warehouse at 1400 San Juan Road, Royal Oaks. Distribution is considered ancillary for annual licenses in Monterey County. The parcel is zoned Farmland, 40 acres per unit (F/40), which allows commercial cannabis cultivation and manufacturing operations subject to a Use Permit. The cultivation and manufacturing operation are proposed within existing greenhouses, with the exception of two greenhouses that will be reconstructed, in the Farmland zoning district. Drying, trimming, curing, packaging, and nonvolatile manufacturing will occur within existing warehouses on-site.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 (CCR), § 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, § 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [Class 1 Categorical Exemption, CCR §15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, § 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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