



Department of
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CALIFORNIA

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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Project Title: Primetime Farms, Inc. (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 5554 Casitas Pass Rd (APN 001-020-030) in Santa Barbara County.

County: Santa Barbara County

Project Description: The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Professions Code, Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Medium Mixed-Light Tier 2 (LCA23-0000546) and Small Mixed-Light Tier 2 (LCA23-0000548) commercial cannabis license.

Project Activities: The Project, located at 5554 Casitas Pass Rd (APN 001-020-030), Carpinteria, CA 93013, will consist of 7.41 acres of mixed-light nursery cannabis cultivation within existing greenhouses, as well as 0.17 acres of processing within an existing packing house. Under application LCA23-0000546, 21,750-square feet (SF) of cannabis will be cultivated and under LCA23-0000548, 8,700 SF of cannabis will be cultivated. There are 3 existing greenhouses located on the project site, each containing 108,000 SF of mixed-light cultivation area. The project site is partially fenced with existing 8-foot (ft) chain link fencing and additional 8-ft chain link fencing is proposed to secure the site. Proposed security lighting will be motion sensor activated, directed downward, and fully shielded. Lighting will be wall-mounted at a height of ten ft and pole mounted a height of 8-ft. Landscape screening is proposed along all sides of the property. The project will adhere to the best available odor control technology, as outlined in the Odor Abatement Plan. Casitas Farms LLC. has agreed to observe a set of Community Odor Guidelines that were developed through collaboration between Cannabis Association for Responsible Producers (CARP Growers) and The Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (Coalition). The project will require 85 employees, spread out over three shifts. Thirty (30) employees are proposed for the 7:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Saturday shift; twenty eight (28) employees for the 6:00AM to 2:30PM, Monday through Saturday shift; and twenty seven (27) employees for the 7:30AM to 4:00PM Monday through Saturday shift.

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 February 6, 2018, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approved the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program. 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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