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Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018122049

Project Title: TRINITY VALLEY FARM LLC

Project Applicant: William Melucci & Donna Rickey

Project Location (include county): 769 Barker Valley Road, Hayfork (Trinity), CA 96041

Project Description: The proposed cultivation project described herein (Project) includes the cultivation of up to 10,000 square feet (SF) of mixed-light mature canopy located in Trinity County on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 017-440-033-000. The applicant is seeking a Small Mixed-Light Cannabis Cultivation License from the County (CCL-583) and currently holds an Adult-Use Small Mixed-Light Tier 1 Cannabis Cultivation License from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC; CCL20-0000097, Expires on 2024-07-01). Cultivation activities include approximately 9,000sqft of mature canopy in two (2) existing 30'x100' hoop houses and one (1) proposed 30'x100' hoop house, and a proposed 24'x100' hoop house for immature canopy. Existing cannabis related support infrastructure includes two (2) points of diversion, one (1) not in use and the other for agricultural and domestic purposes; nine (9) 2,500-gallon, eleven (11) 2,600-gallon, four (4) 3,000-gallon, and twelve (12) 5,000-gallon water storage tanks; two (2) 1,000-gallon nutrient mixing tanks; a 32'x50' Quonset building for agricultural chemical and pesticide storage (7'x21'), immature plant area that will becoming processing (16'x27'), administrative hold (3'x11'), and processing (10'x15') all within the Quonset building; a 10'x20' shed for general storage; and a 25'x35' cannabis waste and composting area. The project proposes a phased transition with the first phase including installation of a proposed 30'x100' hoop house for mature canopy as well as a 24'x100' hoop house for immature canopy of the lower pad with existing hoop houses. The second phase includes construction of four (4) additional greenhouses on the upper pad; three (3) 30'x100' greenhouses for mature canopy with 22.5'x100' canopy each for a total of 6,750sqft and one (1) 24'x100' greenhouse for immature canopy. This is previously disturbed area and no trees will be removed. Some minor road improvements will also occur, the project will implement additional gravel or erosion control measures to prevent sediment discharge from the proposed grading. Heavy equipment will be operated by a licensed contractor during the dry season and outside the breeding season for special-status birds (September 1 to November 15). The 24'x100' hoop house on the lower pad will be removed and the three (3) mature hoop-houses on the lower pad will be transitioned into immature canopy area for a total of approx. 8,832sqft. The project proposes the installation of two (2) 2,500-gallon and ten (10) 5,000-gallon water storage tanks. Power for the Project site

is currently provided through a single-phase connection to Trinity Public Utility District's grid which will be upgraded to a three-phase connection. Water is pumped to the storage tanks from the point of diversion utilizing a Kubota GL11000 generator, and the cultivation area is irrigated via a drip system. The project shall not divert surface water for cannabis activities from April 01 through October 31. The applicant is limited to 500 gallons per day during the forbearance period for domestic and non-cannabis agricultural uses. The rate of diversion to storage shall not exceed 42,000 gallons per day (gpd). Once the greenhouses are constructed and in use, they will be connected to the power grid to power lights and fans. An onsite septic system would serve the Project's domestic wastewater needs. A more detailed project description can be found in the Appendix C Checklist. SPECIAL NOTES: 1. Applicant has provided supplemental Odor, Light, and Noise Attenuation Plan to fall in compliance with: Resolution NO. 2023-071, "A resolution of the Board of Supervisors of The County of Trinity allowing streamlined approval of cannabis licenses that require CCV's or the calendar year 2023". 2. The eastern most greenhouse (item #5 on figure 4: project diagram) on the lower pad was measured to be between 85-100 ft. west of Little Barker Creek, a class II stream; this residential vegetable greenhouse will be excluded from cannabis use and is not included in this approval. 3. Supplemental lighting cannot be used in hoop-houses for mixed-light operations without an electrical permit; this determination does not approve the use of lighting within any temporary structure without appropriate permit issuance from the BLDG department.

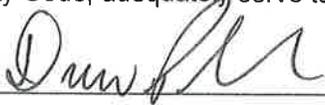
This is to advise that the Trinity County Community Development Department- Cannabis Division has approved the above (  Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

described project on February 23, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. (date).

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:  
Trinity County Community Development Department- Cannabis Division (530 Main Street,  
Weaverville CA 96093)

The County finds that the adoption of the proposed project falls within the Trinity County Cannabis Program Environmental Impact Report ("EIR")( SCH# 2018122049). Certified by the Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2020 (Resolution 2020-103). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14) Section 15168, the impacts associated with the proposed project were studied, and mitigation measures concerning such impacts were developed, in the Cannabis Program EIR. No further environmental review is required because the County finds, based on substantial evidence in the Record of Proceedings, that approval of this project is a "later activity" associated with the Cannabis Program EIR, as defined by subsection (c) of Section 15168, in that (i) all impacts associated with the approval of this project are within the scope of environmental review previously studied, and (ii) the requirements and mitigations required by Chapter 17.43 and 17.43G of the Trinity County Code, adequately serve to mitigate the impacts associated with approval of this project.

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Cannabis Division Director

Date: 2/23/24 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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