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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: Grandma Rita's Trinity Alps Farm, LLC

Project Applicant: Rita Evans-Mines

Project Location (include county): 490 Upper Road, Junction City (Trinity) CA, 96048

Project Description: The proposed cultivation project described herein (Project) includes the cultivation of 4,328 square feet (sf) of mature outdoor cannabis located in Trinity County on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 009-440-15-00. The applicant is seeking a Small Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the County (CCL-027) and currently holds a Small Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation License from the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC; CCL19-0004492). Existing cultivation activities include 4,328-sf of mature, outdoor cannabis grown in Terraced Areas A-E (Table 1). Water is supplied by an existing, permitted well with a pump, and is stored in three (3) 2,500-gallon water storage tanks and one (1) 1,150-gallon plastic cone bottom water storage tank. Existing cannabis irrigation diversion lines transfer the water from the well to the water tanks. All processing and composting activities are handled by the adjacent project, known as Trinity Alps Farms, Inc. located on APN 009-440-23-00. A more detailed project description can be found in the attached Appendix C Checklist and the following attachments included with the Appendix C Checklist: Biological Report, Archaeological Report, Odor Control Plan, Water Resource Protection Plan, and Engineered Grading Erosion Control Plan. SPECIAL NOTES: The Biologists listed in Section 5.0 of the Appendix C Checklist, Mike Dean and Jacob Ewald, are the Biologists that prepared the Biological Report included as Attachment C. The Biologists' names and qualifications are listed below. Mike Dean, Biologist. Mike, our staff biologist, has a bachelor's degree in Zoology and a master's degree in Biology, from Humboldt State University (HSU). He brings over 34 years of professional biologist experience working for California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Health Services, The Nature Conservancy, and numerous special consulting projects including aquatic assessments of several streams in Northern California. Jacob Ewald, Biologist. Jacob Ewald brings over

six years of biological experience to the team. Jacob has conducted biological surveys for a variety of taxa, including spotted owls, nesting birds, reptiles, and amphibians. He graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology and is currently wrapping up his M.S. thesis in Botany at Chico State University. Jacob has used his most recent education to move into botanical surveys and uses the full breadth of his skills to complete CEQA documentation for client projects. The Appendix C Checklist does not include a Site Management Plan; however, a Site Management Plan will be prepared as required under Mitigation Measure 3.10-1a: Demonstrate Compliance with Water Resource Standards. The Appendix C Checklist does not include a Mitigation Measure Applicability Table; however, the Appendix C Checklist describes the applicability of each Mitigation Measure under all Environmental Resource Sections.

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

described project on January 12, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the
above (date)
described project.

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 Planning 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: 1/12/2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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