

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15072 and 15073, the City of Needles, which is the lead agency overseeing this project, hereby gives notices of the completion of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed project as described herein.

PROJECT TITLE: Fluid Holdings Cannabis Cultivation Facility Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 3353 Needles Highway, within the City of Needles, San Bernardino County, California as shown in **Figure 1**: **Project Site**.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Fluid Holdings Cannabis Cultivation Facility would develop up to a 33,600 square foot (sq. ft.) indoor cannabis cultivation facility in five structures built in two phases on approximately 3.75 acres at 3353 Needles Highway in the City of Needles. State-of-the-art carbon filtration units will be utilized by the project to remove cannabis odor from air vented to the exterior. A 1,000 gallon septic tank will be installed on the Project Site along with a detention basin that will mitigated impacts to jurisdictional drainage features. The perimeter will be lined with fencing; either 6-foot chain-link fence or wrought iron and block fencing. The later will be along Needles Highway and will have wrought iron entry/exit gates. Landscaping, which will require minimal maintenance, is proposed along all edges of the buildings and along Needles Highway. Air conditioning units will be required.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project, with the implementation of certain mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment with substantial supporting evidence provided in the initial Study. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a MND for this project. The Planning Commission shall consider adopting the MND as part of their consideration of the project at a future public hearing.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15072 & 15073, the City of Needles hereby offers a public review/comment period of no less than 30 days as detailed in this section. The review period for submitting written comments on the MND commences April 29, 2019 and will close on **May 29, 2019** by **5:00 P.M**.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please send your written comments to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the MND referenced herein are available for public review at the City's website at http://www.cityofneedles.com/index.html, the City's Planning Department at 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363, and at the City Library at 1111 Bailey Avenue, Needles, CA 92363.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

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