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NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA
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From: Department of Food and Agriculture
CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing
2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200
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Project Title: GOLE Industries Specialty Indoor Cannabis Cultivation License

Project Location: The Project is located at 504 Central Avenue in the city of Lake Elsinore

County: Riverside

Project Description:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on 10/11/2019, by Shawn Belschner. Shawn Belschner (GOLE Industries, LLC) applied for a Specialty Indoor Cannabis Cultivation License to cultivate cannabis indoors using artificial lighting.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of 497 sf. of office space, a 1,264 sf. retail dispensary, and 3,856 sf. of cannabis cultivation and ancillary use including breakroom, hallways, loading and storage areas. The cultivation plan will utilize artificial lighting in the cannabis cultivation canopy areas. The project consists of an indoor warehouse with separate units for cultivation and retail activity.

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: 15301 Existing Facilities [Class 1 Categorical Exemption Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, §15301]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- ☐ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Department of Food and Agriculture 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. This project meets the criteria of an existing facilities project, Class 1, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.

This project is located at an existing facility and the project plans do not include expansions of existing structures. The project site is sufficiently served by all public services including electricity and the local water municipality. There is no indication that the project is located in an environmentally sensitive area. The project site is not visible from a scenic highway and it would not result in a substantial adverse change to a historical site.

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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