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Trinity County Department of Planning

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Tule Creek Commercial Cannabis Project**

The Trinity County Department of Planning has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Tule Creek Commercial Cannabis Project Conditional Use Permit.

Project Location: The Tule Creek Commercial Cannabis Project is located within Trinity County, at 690 Tule Creek Road, Hayfork, CA 96041. The 53.9-acre parcel is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 014-430-75. The project site is shown on the U.S. Geological Survey's Weaverville USGS quadrangle map, Sections 10, 11 and 15, Township 31 North, Range 12 West, Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM).

Description of Project: The applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Cannabis company, including Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, Distribution, Commercial Nursery and a Type 6 Non-Volatile Manufacturing operation in Trinity County, California. In addition to a Conditional Use Permit, the project requires licensing to operate in Trinity County and State licensing, for each of these activities.

The project area is the sum of all the areas used for cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, nursery, processing; including gardens, soil staging areas, post harvest activity areas, material storage areas, ancillary buildings, irrigation system, employee areas, and access roads.

The proposed project is located on a historical mill and gold dredging site where all of the 53.9 acres is previously disturbed. This analysis examines the environmental impact of the activities proposed under this application. The project applicant proposes operation of commercial cannabis cultivation as a "Small" cultivation site (allowing up to 10,000 square feet of canopy), with future expansion up to one acre of canopy, as future Trinity County regulations allow. The potential environmental impacts of the future expansion of cannabis cultivation canopy is included in this analysis. Included in the commercial cannabis cultivation operation analysis is 800 square feet of Cannabis Waste and composting used for flower, stems and unmarketable plant material.

In addition to the Cannabis cultivation activities, this analysis also includes;

- 5,000 square foot new building dedicated to a commercial nursery
- Up to one-acre of commercial cannabis cultivation
- 200 square feet for petroleum storage
- 200 square feet for chemical storage
- up to 10,000 square feet dedicated to post harvest activities
- 15,000 square feet dedicated to manufacturing, processing, packaging, and labeling
- 7,500 square feet dedicated to distribution
- 3,500 square feet dedicated to shared employee space

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Initial Study examines the potential impacts of the proposed project to the environment, and includes mitigation measures to reduce environmental impacts of the proposed project to a less than significant level.

Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): Trinity County, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project, the applicant may need to obtain the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies:

- Trinity County Department of Environmental Health
- Trinity County Building Department- New Buildings
- Trinity County Solid Waste
- Trinity County Fire Chiefs Association
- California Department of Water Resources

- California Department of Fish & Wildlife (Region 1)

A copy of the Draft IS/MND is available for review at the Trinity County Department of Planning, 61 Airport Road, Weaverville, California, weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. An electronic version is available at <https://bit.ly/TuleCreekIS-MND>.

The public comment period begins on May 4, 2020 and will end on June 2, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Written comments can be mailed to the attention of Kim Hunter, Trinity County, Department of Planning, 61 Airport Road, Weaverville, California 96093.