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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Integrated Agriculture, Inc. Minor Use Permit

Lead Agency: County of San Luis Obispo

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Project Location: Shandon, County of San Luis Obispo
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Request by Integrated Agriculture Inc. for a Minor Use Permit (DRC2018-00076) to establish 3 acres (130,680 square feet) of outdoor cannabis cultivation on two parcels, 195 acres and 132 acres in size (326.6 acres total). Outdoor cultivation would occur within cannabis hoop structures enclosed by a 6-foot-tall security fence and would be harvested once per year. The project also includes installation of surveillance systems, extension of an existing access driveway, installation of a 400-square-foot materials storage container, installation of a new irrigation water line, and installation of a 9,500-gallon water storage tank. The project would result in 5.60 acres of site disturbance including 209 cubic yards of cut and 209 cubic yards of fill to be balanced on-site. The project site is located within the Agriculture land use category on California State Route 41 (SR 41), approximately 2.1 miles south of the community of Shandon in the Shandon-Carrizo North sub area of the North County Planning Area.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project includes use of security lighting in a rural area. Mitigation measures have been identified to require all lighting conform to an approved light pollution prevention plan that includes measures such as shielding and use of "warm" light spectrum light bulbs. The project has the potential to exceed local APCD thresholds for fugitive dust emissions during construction of the project. Mitigation measures have been identified to require standard dust control measures to reduce these impacts to below the designated thresholds. The project has the potential to result in direct and indirect impacts to special-status wildlife species and their habitats and migration corridors. Mitigation measures have been identified to require appropriate pre-construction surveys, no-disturbance buffers, relocation, and other avoidance and minimization measures as well as compensatory mitigation to compensate for lost habitat area. The project would result in an increased water demand on a groundwater basin in critical overdraft. Mitigation measures have been identified to require the water demand of the project to be offset via water efficiency measures or participation in an approved water conservation program, in compliance with the County Water Conservation Program and Land Use Ordinance requirements.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Local members of the public have raised concerns regarding security, aesthetics, water supply, and cumulative impacts on similar cannabis cultivation projects located within the broader project vicinity. No specific concerns have been raised for the proposed project at this time.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)