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SCH #: 2021030650

Project Title: Major Use Permit UP 20-45 Blue Lake Organics Addendum

Lead Agency: Lake County

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Project Location: 10717 Schuette Road, Upper Lake Lake
City *County*

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

Project Description: The applicant, Blue Lake Organics, is requesting approval of a Major Use Permit for one (1) A-Type 3 medium outdoor and one (1) A-Type 3B medium mixed light commercial cannabis cultivation licenses in four phases (over five years), and one A-Type 13 'self distribution' license to allow legal transportation of cannabis to and from the site. Phase I (year one) would consist of 20,000 sq. ft. of outdoor canopy. Phase II (year two) would add 10,000 sq. ft. of outdoor canopy. Phase III would occur in year 3, 4 or 5 and would consist of 22,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse cultivation. Phase IV would occur in year 4 or 5 and would place a 40' x 70' building on site for use as a drying and processing building. Lake County Zoning Ordinance, Article 27, subsection (at) in part regulates cannabis cultivation in Lake County. The 46+ acre properties are large enough to support these cannabis licenses; 20 acres per license is required. The applicant is not within an exclusion overlay district. The applicant is pre-enrolled with the Regional Water Board. The applicant must meet all applicable local, state and federal requirements for cannabis cultivation.

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

Aesthetics - the project has some potential for visual impacts related to the greenhouses, and for light being seen by neighboring lots and public roads from inside the greenhouses. Blackout screening is required for all greenhouses, and a 6' tall screening fence is required around the greenhouses.
Air Quality - the project has some potential for construction- and post-construction-related impacts due to site disturbance and odors during the fall when the cannabis plants are flowering. Mitigation measures include dust / erosion control during and after site disturbance, and planting fragrant plants around the eastern and south-eastern portion of the culitivation area.
Cultural / Geologic (Historic) / Tribal - mitigation measures established in case of inadvertent relic, artifact or other potentially significant tribal items during site disturbance.
Noise - decibel limits to noise during and after site disturbance.

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

Proximity of 'Le Trianon' resort (about 4/5 of a mile to the south east of the cannabis cultivation site). This file was appealed by the resort in 2021; the Addendum submitted to the Clearinghouse has more in-depth evaluation of potential impacts to the resort and other neighboring properties.

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

Lake County Planning Dept
Lake County Building Dept
Lake County Public Works Dept
Lake County Env. Health Dept
Lake County Air Quality Dept
Lake County Sheriff's Dept
CalCannabis
CalFire
Northshore Fire Protection District