

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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Department of Food and Agriculture CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing 2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95833

Project Title: SA HALT LLC Indoor Cannabis Cultivation (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 2020 S. Hathaway St., Suite B, Santa Ana; parcel number 014-273-10 in Orange County.

County: Orange.

Project Description:

The Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Procession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis Cultivation License submitted on 02/05/2021 by Levon Aslian under SA HALT LLC. Levon Aslian applied for a Small Indoor license for up to 10,000 square feet of indoor cannabis cultivation in an industrial building using artificial lighting.

Project Activities:

The Project consists of 1,924 square feet of indoor cannabis cultivation, and 900 square feet of immature cannabis propagation space. The project also includes on-site cannabis processing and trimming, product and waste storage, a fertigation room, and an employee locker room. The site is an 8,673 square foot suite of a 16,370 square foot industrial building in a light industrial zone of the City of Santa Ana. Operation of the site will include up to 20 employees. Site improvements are limited to security lighting and cameras, improving ADA accessibility, and interior modifications including electrical power upgrades and future solar energy sources. The building footprint will remain the same and no additional excavation or grading is required. The site and surrounding area are fully paved and developed with industrial uses and there are no undisturbed or natural areas.

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: [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 cultivation site in within an existing industrial building with other tenants and prior industrial operations. No expansion of the building footprint and paved area is required. Therefore, the permitting of this indoor cannabis cultivation project qualifies as an existing facility.

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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