NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Gas Hill Cannabis Processing; File No. UPC18-0055
Public Agency: Sonoma County
Project Applicant: Gas Hill Cannabis Solutions c/o Carolina Siemering
Applicant Address: 4218 Wayvern Drive, Santa Rosa
Project Location: 2599 Laughlin Road
Date of Approval: November 19, 2020

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office County of Sonoma 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed project is a request for a limited-term Use Permit for a centralized cannabis processing facility of approximately 4,200 square feet to be located within a converted barn on a 28.20-acre parcel zoned Land Intensive Agriculture (LIA) in unincorporated Windsor. No cultivation or additional land disturbance will take place on-site. The proposed rainwater recapture system will be placed outside of the riparian corridor on area that has been previously developed or located within the building itself. Conversion of the barn building interior with processing racks and other improvements will not alter existing site conditions. The project will have a maximum of three (3) employees. Hours of operation will generally be permitted seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours per day. Shipping and deliveries will be restricted to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The use shall be operated in accordance with the proposal statement and operational plan located in File# UPC18-0055, as modified by conditions. The project site would be closed to the public.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption. Section 15301(a) for Existing Facilities

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to the Provisions of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15301(a) (Existing Facilities) as an existing agricultural facility converting to a related use involving minor interior tenant improvements. No additional land disturbance or grading will take place on-site. A rainwater recapture system will offset additional water use from the existing on-site well. The catchment system and associated equipment, including a 15,000-gallon water storage tank, will be placed within the barn structure or on previously-disturbed area outside of the riparian corridor. Conversion of the barn building interior with processing racks and other improvements will not alter existing site conditions. There are no unusual circumstances at the site or in the project vicinity that will have a significant effect on the environment (15300.2). No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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