NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

- To: _____ Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Merced, CA 95340
 - X County Clerk County of Merced 2222 M Street Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency) City of Merced 678 West 18th St.

Project Location - County: Merced

Project Title: Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #21-01 and #21-06 (Environmental Review #21-15)

Project Applicant: Quality Yield Cultivation, LLC for Hyway 59 Properties, LP (property owner)

Project Location (Specific): 2777 N. Hwy 59 **APN:** 059-450-069

Project Location - City: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves the application for a license to cultivate and undertake cultivation of cannabis and a license to

distribute cannabis and cannabis-based products, all in accordance with state and local regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Quality Yield Cultivation, LLC for Hyway 59 Properties, LP (property owner)

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ____ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

_X_Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: <u>15301a</u>

____ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____

____General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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Title: Development Services Technician II

X Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for Filing at OPR: <u>n/a</u> (If applicable)

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110. Public Resources Code Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1. Public Resources Code