



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

**NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA**  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**

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From: Department of Cannabis Control  
Environmental Evaluation Office  
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Project Title: Interstitial Systems (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located at 211 Fern St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 within the City of Santa Cruz.

County: Santa Cruz

Project Description:

The Department of Cannabis Control, pursuant to authority granted under Business and Profession Code Division 10, Chapter 2, Section 26012, approved a Cannabis License submitted on 5/12/2020 by Jeffery Walker and John Heekin (licensees). The licensees applied for a cannabis distribution license and a Type 7 cannabis manufacturing license.

Project Activities:

The Project will consist of a Level 2 volatile cannabis manufacturing use that includes manufacturing, distribution, and transportation of raw and finished products. The site is located in the I-G zone district and is developed with an approximately 3,600 square foot commercial building. The previous use was an automotive use and the building is currently vacant. The applicant is not proposing any exterior alterations, with all work taking place inside the existing 3,600 square foot building. The interior space will be divided up into two 120 square foot prefabricated extraction rooms, 454 square foot packing area, 800 square foot post-processing area, 670 square foot distillation area, 46 square feet of locked storage cabinets, 424 square foot incoming material area and a 120 square foot pre-fab walk in freezer. The existing restroom, breakroom, lobby, and office will remain in the same location. The manufacturing use will produce three categories of cannabis products: extracted cannabis in the form of wax, distilled cannabis oil for vaporized cartridges and other various forms of isolated cannabis molecules for research and development.

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 Cannabis Control 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. None of the exceptions to this exemption defined in Section 15300.2 apply.

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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