

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR A CANNABIS CULTIVATION USE PERMIT

WHO: Thomas Planson, Evergreen Acres LLC, **Permit Sonoma File No. UPC18-0046**

WHAT: Use Permit for 10,000 square feet of mixed light cannabis cultivation, 17,825 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation, the conversion of 1.8 acres of timberland to a non-timber growing use, and the construction of a 782,907-gallon water storage reservoir on a 34.04-acre parcel at 6699 Palmer Creek Rd, Healdsburg, **APN 069-040-026. Supervisorial District 4.** The cannabis operation would employ up to six full-time staff as well as two part-time/seasonal staff during planting and harvest. Outdoor harvesting activities and mixed-light activities would be permitted to occur seven days a week, 24-hours per day as needed, although general employee hours and operations would occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Shipping and delivery activities limited Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The project site would be closed to the public.

Parcel Zoning: Resources and Rural Development (RRD), 160-acre density (B6 160), Biotic Habitat (BH), Riparian Corridor (RC50/50)

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND is available at Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

WHERE & WHEN:

After the close of the IS/MND public review period, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is **tentatively** scheduled to hold a public hearing on December 6, 2022 to consider the adoption of the IS/MND. In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconferenced Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, with modified procedures by which members of the public may observe and offer public comment at the Board chambers. **Members of the public are encouraged to watch, listen, and participate in the hearing through Zoom or by phone call, though in person public participation is available.** A final hearing notice containing instructions on how to join the meeting will be issued ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Project materials and associated documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the Project Planner, Marina Herrera at Marina.Herrera@sonoma-county.org or 707-565-2397 and through Planner@sonoma-county.org. Alternative record accommodations are available upon request.

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INVOLVED: If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is October 28, 2022 to November 28, 2022. Comments on the IS/MND must be received by November 28, 2022, **at 5:00PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the public hearing scheduled as above.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

DATE: October 28, 2022