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1-HUM-36- 34.12
Cali's Finest Cannabis
PLN-12468-CUP

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Dear Ms. Acevedo:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Cali's Finest Cannabis cultivation operation. The site includes 30,000 square feet of pre-existing cultivation area. The project is located in the Bridgeville area, on the south side of Highway 36, approximately 20 feet south from the intersection of Highway 36 and China Mine Road, (APN: 210-072-009). Access from State Route (SR) 36 to the project parcel appears to occur via a private road approach at approximate Post Mile (PM) 34.12 (right). According to internet imagery, as of May 25, 2019, it appears this road approach is unpaved, and appears to have drainage issues. It also appears this road approach may be used by several other parcels to the east along Mule Creek Road. We have the following comments:

We recommend the County, as a condition of approval, require the applicant improve the driveway to meet current Caltrans standards for a commercial road approach (driveway) with a minimum throat width of 20 feet. Some of the deficiencies noted include, lack of proper storm water drainage as well as unpaved driveway and tapers. For details regarding Caltrans driveway requirements, please refer to Appendix J of the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Manual: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/appendix-j-ada.pdf>

Any work within Caltrans Right-of-Way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Permits to construct, upgrade, own, and operate road approaches to the State highway system are issued to the individual or legal entity with ownership rights of that road approach. It is not clear the applicant has such rights. If they do have ownership/easement rights, they should submit proof of ownership/easement with their application for a permit. If they do NOT have ownership/easement rights, then they

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may, with the property owner's written permission, apply for a permit on behalf of the owner as an authorized agent of the property owner.

Encroachment permit applications are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the permit application and review process, we require the applicant to consult with our Permit staff prior to submitting an application. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 463-4743. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application is available online at:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

Please contact me by email with questions or for further assistance with this letter at:
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Sincerely,



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c: Heidi Quintrell, Chief, Caltrans District 1 Encroachment Permits (e-copy)