

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Resolution Number 23-035

Record Number PLN-12072-CUP

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 220-082-020

Resolution by the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and conditionally approving the Healing Sun, LLC, Conditional Use Permit.

WHEREAS, Healing Sun, LLC, submitted an application and evidence in support of approving a Conditional Use Permit for the continued operation of an existing 16,800 square feet (sf) of outdoor cultivation, and appurtenant nursery & drying activities; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division, the lead agency, prepared an Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the Commercial Medical Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on January 26, 2016. The proposed project does not present substantial changes that would require major revisions to the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration. No new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not be known at the time was presented as described by §15162(c) of CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Planning Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on April 20, 2023, and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Conditional Use Permit and reviewed and considered all evidence and testimony presented at the hearing.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission makes all the following findings:

FINDING: **Project Description:** The application is a Conditional Use Permit for 16,800 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation, with 1,900 SF of ancillary propagation. Two harvests are anticipated annually. Water for irrigation is sourced from an existing permitted well (permit# 18/19-1012). The projected annual water usage totals 280,000 gallons (15 gallons/SF/year) and water storage on-site totals 76,800 gallons in hard sided storage tanks. Processing and trimming will occur on-site in an existing building. Power is provided by a 12.5 kW solar array.

EVIDENCE: Project File: PLN-12072-CUP

2. FINDING: **CEQA.** The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act have been complied with. The Humboldt County Planning Commission has considered the Addendum to and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on January 26, 2016.

EVIDENCE: a) Addendum Prepared for the proposed project.

- b) The proposed project does not present substantial changes that would require major revisions to the previous MND. No new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not be known at the time was presented as described by §15162(c) of CEQA Guidelines.
- c) The applicant is proposing to utilize an existing permitted well (Permit #18/19-1012) for water source. The applicant has obtained a Well Assessment Report for the well prepared by licensed geologist David Lindberg, dated July 25, 2022, which found that the well has a low likelihood of being hydrologically connected to nearby surface waters in any manner that could affect adjacent springs, wetlands and or surface waters near the subject well.
- d) The applicant has enrolled in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) General Order for Water Quality No. WQ 2019-001-DWQ. A Notice of Applicability letter was received by the applicant, dated September 6, 2019, showing proof of enrollment under WDID 1_12CC418402. The applicant is required to obtain a Site Management Plan and adhere to the recommendations in the Site Management Plan prepared for the sites compliance with the General Order.
- e) The applicant has obtained a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for the in-stream work needed to upgrade five (5) culverts on-site (SAA No. 1600-2019-0160-R1). The applicant shall adhere to the project description and work outlined within the SAA No. 1600-2019-0160-R1.
- f) The project is located approximately 1.2 miles to the nearest known Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) activity center. According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) for rare and endangered species, the project site does not contain potential habitat areas for any rare or endangered species. As the project is for pre-existing activities, and no new ground disturbance is proposed, no Biological Assessment was required. The project was referred to CDFW on December 11, 202, and no comments were received. The applicant is required to comply with International Dark Sky Standards, and shall ensure that all noise levels do not go above 50 decibels at 100-feet or any tree line when noise generating equipment are in use.
- g) No timber conversion has occurred on the site and none is proposed.
- h) The project site is located within the Bear River Band and Sinkiyone Aboriginal Ancestral Territories. The project was referred to the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, Intertribal Sinkiyone Wilderness Council and the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) on September 20, 2017, and to the Tsnungwe Council on March 12, 2019. Comments were received from the Bear River Band requesting a survey for the site.

The applicant has submitted a Cultural Resource Investigation prepared by William Rich and Associates dated November 2021. A comprehensive field survey was conducted on October 6, 2021. No tribal cultural resources were identified in the assessment area. The project is not anticipated to impact any tribal cultural resources; however, the applicant will be required to adhere to the inadvertent discovery protocol.

- i) Access to the project site is from 0.7 miles of privately maintained Eubanks Road, from County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road, from county maintained Briceland-Thorne Road. The project was referred to the Department of Public Works on December 11, 2020, and comments were received by the agency on December 28, 2020. Comments from Public Works stated that the intersection of Eubanks Road and County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road has been improved, and recommends that the applicant contact and join the road maintenance association. The site will be operated by family members who live on the site. The operations are pre-existing, and no increase in traffic is anticipated.

FINDINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

- 3. FINDING** The proposed development is in conformance with the County General Plan, Open Space Plan, and the Open Space Action Program.

- EVIDENCE** a) The proposed project is not planned or zoned as open space, does not have a combining zone that would be considered open space.

- 4. FINDING** The proposed development is consistent with the purposes of the existing U zone in which the site is located.

- EVIDENCE**
- a) The Unclassified or U Zone is intended to be applied to areas of the County in which general agriculture uses is a desirable use.
 - b) All general agricultural uses are principally permitted in the U zone.
 - c) Humboldt County Code section 314-55.4.8.2.2 allows cultivation of up to 43,560 square feet of existing outdoor cannabis and up to 22,000 sq. ft. of existing mixed-light cannabis on a parcel zoned U over 1 acres subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit and a determination that the cultivation was in existence prior to January 1, 2016. The application for 16,800 sq. ft. of outdoor cultivation on a 65-acre parcel is consistent with this and with the cultivation area verification prepared by the County.

- 5. FINDING** The proposed development is consistent with the requirements of the CMMLUO Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

- EVIDENCE** a) The CMMLUO allows existing cannabis cultivation to be permitted in

areas zoned U (HCC 314-55.4.8.2.2).

- b) The subject parcel has been determined to be a legal parcel per Notice of Merger and Certificate of Subdivision Compliance 2023-003051.
- c) The project will obtain water from a permitted well (Permit #18/19-1012). The applicant has obtained a Well Assessment Report for the well prepared by licensed geologist David Lindberg, dated July 25, 2022, which found that the well has a low likelihood of being hydrologically connected to nearby surface waters in any manner that could affect adjacent springs, wetlands and or surface waters near the subject well.
- d) Access to the project site is from 0.7 miles of privately maintained Eubanks Road, from County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road, from county maintained Briceland-Thorne Road. The project was referred to the Department of Public Works on December 11, 2020, and comments were received by the agency on December 28, 2020. Comments from Public Works stated that the intersection of Eubanks Road and County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road has been improved, and recommends that the applicant contact and join the road maintenance association. The site will be operated by family members who live on the site. The operations are pre-existing, and no increase in traffic is anticipated.
- e) No timber conversion has occurred on the site and none is proposed.
- f) The location of the cultivation complies with all setbacks required in Section 314-55.4.11.d. It is more than 30 from any property line, and more than 600 feet from any school, school bus stop, church or other place of religious worship, Public Park or Tribal Cultural Resource.

6. FINDING

The cultivation of 16,800 square feet of cannabis cultivation and the conditions under which it may be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

EVIDENCE

- a) The site is in a rural part of the County where the typical parcel size is over 40 acres and many of the land holdings are very large. The proposed cannabis will not be in a location where there is an established neighborhood or other sensitive receptor such as a school, church, park or other use which may be sensitive to cannabis cultivation. Approving cultivation on this site and the other sites which have been approved or are in the application process will not change the character of the area due to the large parcel sized in the area.
- b) Irrigation water will come from a permitted groundwater well (Permit #18/19-1012).

- c) The project site is in an area known to have High Fire Hazard Severity, and is within the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District for local fire response. The project is also located within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) for CalFire, and was referred to the agency on December 11, 2020. Comments were received by CalFire on December 17, 2020, and the agency stated that they had no comments regarding the project at that time. The Site Plan shows a firetruck turnaround, and the applicant is required to have a minimum of 2,500 gallons of water storage designated for fire suppression needs only. The designated fire suppression tank shall also have the appropriate fire hose that meets CalFire SRA requirements.
- d) Access to the project site is from 0.7 miles of privately maintained Eubanks Road, from County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road, from county maintained Briceland-Thorne Road. The project was referred to the Department of Public Works on December 11, 2020, and comments were received by the agency on December 28, 2020. Comments from Public Works stated that the intersection of Eubanks Road and County maintained Ettersburg Honeydew Road has been improved, and recommends that the applicant contact and join the road maintenance association. The site will be operated by family members who live on the site. The operations are pre-existing, and no increase in traffic is anticipated.

7. FINDING

The proposed development does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law.

EVIDENCE

- a) The parcel was not included in the housing inventory of Humboldt County's 2019 Housing Element but does have the potential to support one housing unit. The approval of cannabis cultivation on this parcel will not conflict with the ability for a residence to be constructed on this parcel.

8. FINDING

Approval of this project is consistent with Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 18-43 which established a limit on the number of permits and acres which may be approved in each of the County's Planning Watersheds.

EVIDENCE

- a) The project site is located in the Cape Mendocino Planning Watershed, which under Resolution 18-43 is limited to 650 permits and 223 acres of cultivation. With the approval of this project the total approved permits in this Planning Watershed would be 233 cultivation permits and the total approved acres would be 81.8 acres of cultivation.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Planning Commission does hereby:

- Adopt the findings set forth in this resolution; and
- Conditionally approves the Conditional Use Permit for Healing Sun, LLC, subject to the conditions of approval attached hereto as Attachment 1.

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on **April 20, 2023**

The motion was made by COMMISSIONER Brian Mitchell and second by COMMISSIONER Iver Skavdal and the following ROLL CALL vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Noah Levy, Brian Mitchell, Thomas Mulder, Iver Skavdal,
Lonox Landry, Sarah West

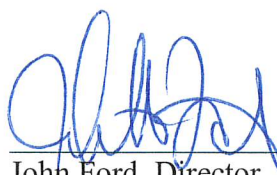
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Peggy O'Neill,

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

DECISION: Motion carries 6/0

I, John Ford, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above entitled matter by said Commission at a meeting held on the date noted above.



John Ford, Director
Planning and Building Department

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND SPECIAL PERMIT ARE CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE PROVISIONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION PERMIT CAN BE FINALIZED.

A. General Conditions

1. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary County and State permits and licenses, and for meeting all requirements set forth by other regulatory agencies.
2. The applicant is required to pay for permit processing on a time and material basis as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges as adopted by ordinance of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The Planning and Building Department will provide a bill to the applicant after the decision. Any and all outstanding planning fees to cover the processing of the application to decision by the Hearing Officer shall be paid to the Humboldt County Planning Division, 3015 "H" Street, Eureka.
3. The Applicant is responsible for costs for post-approval review for determining project conformance with conditions. A deposit is collected to cover this staff review. Permit conformance with conditions must be demonstrated prior to release of building permit or initiation of use and at time of annual inspection. A conformance review deposit as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges as adopted by ordinance of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (currently \$750) shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the permit or upon filing of the Compliance Agreement (where applicable), whichever occurs first. Payment shall be made to the Humboldt County Planning Division, 3015 "H" Street, Eureka.
4. A Notice of Determination (NOD) will be prepared and filed with the County Clerk for this project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines. The Department will file the NOD and will charge this cost to the project.
5. The applicant shall provide an updated Site Plan to the Planning Division within 60 days of approval to reduce the size of the ancillary propagation greenhouse to only 1,680 SF, and to designate a minimum of 2,500 gallons of water storage for fire suppression only.
6. Within 60 days of the effective date of permit approval, the applicant shall execute a Compliance Agreement with the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department detailing all necessary permits and infrastructure improvements described under Conditions of Approval #7 through #16. The agreement shall provide a timeline for completing all outstanding items. All activities detailed under the agreement must be completed to the satisfaction of the Planning and Building Department before the permit may be finalized and no longer considered provisional.
7. The applicant shall obtain a septic permit for the existing onsite wastewater treatment system, or shall install a new system permitted with the Department of Environmental Health.

8. The applicant shall secure permits for all structures related to the cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activity, including but not limited to: nine (9) light-deprivation greenhouses, one (1) ancillary propagation greenhouse, one (1) processing/storage building, one (1) office, one (1) solid waste shed, two (2) shipping containers for storage, and one (1) curing building.
9. The applicant shall submit a grading, erosion and sediment control plan for any previous grading done in excess of 50 cubic yards. The plan shall identify the cubic yards of all grading that has been completed. A letter or similar communication from the Building Division verifying that all grading related to the cannabis cultivation operation are permitted, or not needed, will satisfy this condition.
10. The applicant shall permit the solar system on-site with the Building Division.
11. The designated fire suppression tank shall have the appropriate fire hose that meets CalFire SRA requirements.
12. The applicant is required to have a Site Management Plan (SMP) prepared for the project site to show measures required to meet compliance with the General Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ, and a condition of approval for the project is to provide a copy of the final SMP report to the Planning Division, and to adhere to the corrective actions listed in the report.
13. The applicant shall contact and join the road maintenance association for Eubanks Road, and shall submit proof of joining the RMA to the Planning Division.
14. The applicant shall be compliant with the County of Humboldt's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) requirements regarding hazardous materials. A written verification of compliance shall be required before any provisional permits may be finalized. Ongoing proof of compliance with this condition shall be required at each annual inspection in order to keep the permit valid.
15. The applicant shall execute and file with the Planning Division the statement titled, "Notice and Acknowledgment regarding Agricultural Activities in Humboldt County," ("Right to Farm" ordinance) as required by the HCC and available at the Planning Division.

B. Ongoing Requirements/Development Restrictions Which Must be Satisfied for the Life of the Project:

1. The applicant shall adhere to the ongoing monitoring and maintenance protocols listed in the table of the Water Resources Protection Plan.
2. The applicant shall adhere to the ongoing winterization and monitoring requirements in the final State Water Resources Control Board approved Site Management Plan.

3. The combination of background, generator and greenhouse fan or other operational equipment created noise must not result in the harassment of Northern Spotted Owl species as required to meet the performance standards for noise set by Department Policy Statement No. 16-005 clarifying CMMLUO Section 55.4.11 (o) requirements. The combined noise levels measured at 100 feet or the edge of habitat, whichever is closer, shall be at or below 50 decibels. Conformance will be evaluated using current auditory disturbance guidance prepared by the United State Fish and Wildlife Service, and further consultation where necessary. A building permit shall be obtained should any structures be necessary for noise attenuation.
4. All artificial lighting shall be fully contained within mixed-light and propagation structures such that no light escapes (e.g., through blackout tarps). Structures shall be enclosed between 30 minutes prior to sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise to prevent disruption to crepuscular wildlife. Security lighting shall be motion activated and comply with the International Dark-Sky Association standards and Fixture Seal of Approval Program; see: <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-citizens/lighting-basics/>. Standards include but are not limited to the following, 1) light shall be shielded and downward facing, 2) shall consist of Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) light or low spectrum Light Emitting Diodes (LED) with a color temperature of 3000 kelvins or less and 3) only placed where needed.
5. Should the Humboldt County Planning Division receive complaints that the lighting or noise is not complying with the standards listed above in items B.1. and B.2., within ten (10) working days of receiving written notification that a complaint has been filed, the applicant shall submit written verification that the lights' shielding and alignment, and noise levels have been repaired, inspected, and corrected as necessary.
6. The applicant shall adhere to the project description and work outlined within the Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0160-R1 with CDFW.
7. Prohibition on use of synthetic netting. To minimize the risk of wildlife entrapment, Permittee shall not use any erosion control materials that contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) netting, including photo- or biodegradable plastic netting. Geotextiles, fiber rolls, and other erosion control measures shall be made of loose-weave mesh, such as jute, hemp, coconut (coir) fiber, or other products without welded weaves.
8. All refuse shall be contained in wildlife proof storage containers, at all times, and disposed of at an authorized waste management facility.
9. Should any wildlife be encountered during work activities, the wildlife shall not be disturbed and be allowed to leave the work site unharmed.
10. The use of anticoagulant rodenticide is prohibited.
11. All components of project shall be developed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the Project Description, the approved Site Plan, the Cultivation & Operations Plan, and these conditions of approval. Changes shall require modification of this permit except where

consistent with Humboldt County Code Section 312-11.1, Minor Deviations to Approved Plot Plan.

12. Cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activity shall be conducted in compliance with all laws and regulations as set forth in the CMMLUO and MAUCRSA, as applicable to the permit type.
13. If operating pursuant to a written approved compliance agreement, permittee shall abate or cure violations at the earliest feasible date, but in no event no more than two (2) years from the date of issuance of a provisional clearance or permit. Permittee shall provide plans for curing such violations to the Planning and Building Department within one (1) year of issuance of the provisional clearance or permit. If good faith effort toward compliance can be shown within the two years following the issuance of the provisional clearance or permit, the Department may, at the discretion of the Director, provide for extensions of the provisional permit to allow additional time to meet the outstanding requirements.
14. Possession of a current, valid required license, or licenses, issued by any agency of the State of California in accordance with the MAUCRSA, and regulations promulgated thereunder, as soon as such licenses become available.
15. Compliance with all statutes, regulations, and requirements of the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Division of Water Rights, at a minimum to include a statement of diversion of surface water from a stream, river, underground stream, or other watercourse required by Water Code Section 5101, or other applicable permit, license, or registration, as applicable.
16. Confinement of the area of cannabis cultivation, processing, manufacture, or distribution to the locations depicted on the approved site plan. The commercial cannabis activity shall be set back at least 30 feet from any property line, and 600 feet from any school, school bus stop, church or other place of religious worship, or tribal cultural resources, except where a reduction to this setback has been approved pursuant to Section 55.4.11(d).
17. Maintain enrollment in Tier 1, or 2 certification with State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ, if applicable, or any substantially equivalent rule that may be subsequently adopted by the County of Humboldt or other responsible agency.
18. Comply with the terms of a less-than-3-acre conversion exemption or timberland conversion permit, approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), if applicable.
19. Consent to an annual on-site compliance inspection, with at least 24 hours prior notice, to be conducted by appropriate County officials during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays).
20. Refrain from the improper storage or use of any fuels, fertilizer, pesticide, fungicide, rodenticide, or herbicide.

21. Pay all applicable application, review for conformance with conditions and annual inspection fees.
22. Fuel shall be stored and handled in compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations, including the County of Humboldt's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) program, and in such a way that no spillage occurs.
23. The master log books maintained by the applicant to track production and sales shall be maintained for inspection by the County.
24. Pay all applicable taxes as required by the Humboldt County Commercial Marijuana Cultivation Tax Ordinance (Humboldt County Code Section 719-1 et seq.).

Performance Standards for Cultivation and Processing Operations

25. Cultivators shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing California Agricultural Employers, which may include federal and state wage and hour laws, Cal/OSHA, OSHA, the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act, and the Humboldt County Code (including the Building Code).
26. Cultivators engaged in processing shall comply with the following Processing Practices:
 - a. Processing operations must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition including all work surfaces and equipment.
 - b. Processing operations must implement protocols which prevent processing contamination and mold and mildew growth on cannabis.
 - c. Employees handling cannabis in processing operations must have access to facemasks and gloves in good operable condition as applicable to their job function.
 - d. Employees must wash hands sufficiently when handling cannabis or use gloves.
27. All persons hiring employees to engage in commercial cannabis cultivation and processing shall comply with the following Employee Safety Practices:
 - a. Cultivation operations and processing operations must implement safety protocols and provide all employees with adequate safety training relevant to their specific job functions, which may include:
 - (1) Emergency action response planning as necessary;
 - (2) Employee accident reporting and investigation policies;
 - (3) Fire prevention;
 - (4) Hazard communication policies, including maintenance of material safety data sheets (MSDS);
 - (5) Materials handling policies;
 - (6) Job hazard analyses; and
 - (7) Personal protective equipment policies, including respiratory protection.
 - b. Cultivation operations and processing operations must visibly post and maintain an emergency contact list which includes at a minimum:
 - (1) Operation manager contacts;

- (2) Emergency responder contacts; and
 - (3) Poison control contacts.
 - c. At all times, employees shall have access to safe drinking water and toilets and handwashing facilities that comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Plumbing facilities and water source must be capable of handling increased usage without adverse consequences to neighboring properties or the environment.
 - d. On site-housing provided to employees shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
28. All cultivators shall comply with the approved processing plan as to the following:
- a. Processing practices
 - b. Location where processing will occur
 - c. Number of employees, if any
 - d. Employee Safety Practices
 - e. Toilet and handwashing facilities
 - f. Plumbing and/or septic system and whether or not the system is capable of handling increased usage
 - g. Drinking water for employees
 - h. Plan to minimize impact from increased road use resulting from processing
 - i. On-site housing, if any
29. Term of Commercial Cannabis Activity Conditional Use Permit & Special Permits. Any Commercial Cannabis Cultivation CUP issued pursuant to the CMMLUO shall expire one (1) year after date of issuance, and on the anniversary date of such issuance each year thereafter, unless an annual compliance inspection has been conducted and the permittees and the permitted site have been found to comply with all conditions of approval.
30. If the inspector or other County official determines that the permittees or site do not comply with the conditions of approval, the inspector shall serve the permit holder with a written statement identifying the items not in compliance, and the action that the permit holder may take to cure the noncompliance, or file an appeal within ten (10) days of the date that the written statement is delivered to the permit holder. Personal delivery or mailing the written statement to the mailing address listed on the application by regular mail, plus three (3) days after date of mailing, shall constitute delivery. The permit holder may request a reinspection to determine whether or not the permit holder has cured all issues of noncompliance. Failure to request reinspection or to cure any items of noncompliance shall terminate the Conditional Use Permit, immediately upon the expiration of any appeal period, or final determination of the appeal if an appeal has been timely filed pursuant to Section 55.4.13.
31. Permit Renewals to Comply with Updated Laws and Regulations. Permit renewal is subject to the laws and regulations effective at the time of renewal, which may be substantially different than the regulations currently in place and may require the submittal of additional information to ensure that new standards are met.
32. Acknowledgements to Remain in Full Force and Effect. Permittee acknowledges that the County reserves the right to reduce the size of the area allowed for cultivation under any

clearance or permit issued in accordance with this section in the event that environmental conditions, such as a sustained drought or low flows in the watershed in which the cultivation area is located, will not support diversions for irrigation.

33. Transfers. Transfer of any leases or permits approved by this project is subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director for conformance with CMMLUO eligibility requirements and agreement to permit terms and acknowledgments. The fee for required permit transfer review shall accompany the request. The request shall include the following information:
- a. Identifying information for the new owner(s) and management as required in an initial permit application;
 - b. A written acknowledgment by the new owner in accordance as required for the initial permit application;
 - c. The specific date on which the transfer is to occur;
 - d. Acknowledgement of full responsibility for complying with the existing permit; and
 - e. Execution of an Affidavit of Non-diversion of Medical Cannabis.
34. Inspections. The permit holder and subject property owner are to permit the County or representative(s) or designee(s) to make inspections at any reasonable time deemed necessary to assure that the activities being performed under the authority of this permit are in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein.

Informational Notes:

1. Pursuant to Section 314-55.4.11(a) of the CMMLUO, if upon inspection for the initial application, violations of any building or other health, safety, or other state or county statute, ordinance, or regulation are discovered, the Planning and Building Department may issue a provisional clearance or permit with a written approved Compliance Agreement. By signing the agreement, the permittee agrees to abate or cure the violations at the earliest opportunity but in no event more than two (2) years after the date of issuance of the provisional clearance or permit. Plans for curing the violations shall be submitted to the Planning and Building Department by the permittee within one (1) year of the issuance of the provisional certificate or permit. The terms of the compliance agreement may be appealed pursuant to Section 314-55.4.13 of the CMMLUO.
2. This provisional permit approval shall expire and become null and void at the expiration of one (1) year after all appeal periods have lapsed (see "Effective Date"), except where the Compliance Agreement per Condition of Approval #8 has been executed and the corrective actions pursuant to the agreement are being undertaken. Once building permits have been secured and/or the use initiated pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the use is subject to the Permit Duration and Renewal provisions set forth in the Ongoing Requirements/Development Restrictions, above.
3. If cultural resources are encountered during construction activities, the contractor on-site shall cease all work in the immediate area and within a 50-foot buffer of the discovery location. A qualified archaeologist and the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) are to be

contacted to evaluate the discovery and, in consultation with the applicant and the lead agency, develop a treatment plan in any instance where significant impacts cannot be avoided.

Prehistoric materials may include obsidian or chert flakes, tools, locally darkened midden soils, groundstone artifacts, shellfish or faunal remains, and human burials. If human remains are found, California Health and Safety Code 7050.5 requires that the County Coroner be contacted immediately at 707-445-7242. If the Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission will then be contacted by the Coroner to determine appropriate treatment of the remains pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5097.98. Violators shall be prosecuted in accordance with PRC Section 5097.99.