RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Resolution Number 23-074

Record Number PLN-2022-17611-MOD01 Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 206-311-028-000

Resolution by the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and conditionally approving the Carlotta Gardens LLC, Conditional Use Permit Modification

WHEREAS, Carlotta Gardens, LLC, provided an application and evidence in support of approving a modification to an approved Conditional Use Permit for Farm-Based Retail Sales in the Hydesville-Carlotta Community Planning Area.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division, the lead agency, prepared an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO) adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on May 8, 2018. The proposed project does not present substantial changes that would require major revisions to the Environmental Impact Report. 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 approved a Conditional Use Permit for a farm-based retail cannabis sales on October 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on August 3, 2023, and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Conditional Use Permit modification 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:

1. FINDING:

Project Description: The project is located in the Carlotta area. Record Number PLN-2022-17611-MOD01; Assessor's Parcel Number: 206-331-028-000. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Modification to approved project PLN-2022-17611 for a 200 SF portable farm stand for the sale of Farm Based Retail products including cannabis grown on site. All cannabis products are tested, packaged, and handled by a licensed distributer prior to sale. The modification will allow the farm stand to permanently remain in the proposed location on the southeast corner of the project parcel rather than being stowed in a barn after business hours. The farm stand will be staffed by one employee during the hours of operation. Customer traffic will occur on-site during the operating hours, which will be limited to 9AM - 6PM, Monday through Sunday. Hours and days of

operation may vary depending on weather conditions and holidays. Power is provided by PG&E. The proposed project is located within the Hydesville-Carlotta Community Planning Area.

EVIDENCE:

Project File: PLN-2022-17611-MOD01and PLN-2022-17611

CEQA

2. FINDING:

The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act have been met. The Humboldt County Planning Commission has considered the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO) adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on May 8, 2018.

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 EIR. 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 project was referred to and reviewed by the Bear River Tribal Historic Preservation Officer who recommended an inadvertent discovery protocol which is included as a condition of approval.
- d) The project site takes access off Highway 36 and referral comments from Caltrans for commercial driveway improvements have been incorporated into the project conditions.
- e) The applicant provided a Noise Assessment conducted in August of 2022. The project is conditioned so noise sources associated with the cannabis operation do not exceed three decibels of continuous noise above existing ambient noise levels at the legal parcel boundary.

FINDINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

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 legal parcel has a designation of Agricultural Exclusive (AE). Agricultural products processing is a use type permitted in the AE land use designation. The proposed Farm-Based Retails Sales is within land planned and zoned for Agricultural purposes, consistent with the use of Open Space land for managed production of resources. The proposed project is not located within an Open Space Action Program because the project site is not planned or zoned as open space, does not have a combining zone that would be considered open space, and there are no other open space general plan or zoning code

overlays affecting this project.

4. FINDING

The proposed development is consistent with the purposes of the existing Agricultural Exclusive (AE) zone and Special Are Provisions Section 55.4.5.1.4) in which the site is located.

EVIDENCE

- a) Farm-Based Retail Sales is principally permitted in the AE zone and within the Hydesville-Carlotta Community Planning Area Community Planning Area with a Conditional Use Permit.
- b) The location of all project elements meets the setback requirements for the AE Zone.

5. FINDING

The proposed development is consistent with the requirements of the CCLUO Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

EVIDENCE

- a) The CCLUO (314-55.4.10.2 & HCC 314-55.3) allows Farm-Based Retail Sales to be permitted in areas zoned Agricultural Exclusive (AE) within a community planning area with a conditional use permit.
- b) The parcel was created in compliance with all applicable state and local subdivision regulations because it qualifies for a Certificate of Compliance pursuant to section 66499.35 of the Subdivision Map Act through approval of building permit 80-0078 B4.
- c) Access is taken directly from Highway 36, a paved road with a center stripe.
- d) The slope of the land is less than 15%.
- e) The operation will not result in the net conversion of timberland.
- f) Power will be provided by PGE through an eligible renewable energy program.

6. FINDING

The farm stand and appurtenant uses and 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 located on a state-maintained highway that is paved with a centerline stripe.
- b) The site is in a rural part of the County where agricultural uses are typical. The operation of a farm stand in an agricultural area is not out

of character for the area.

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 and does not currently have an existing residence. The approval of cannabis cultivation on this parcel will not conflict with the ability to construct a residence if one is proposed in the future.

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

The project site is in the Van Duzen Planning Watershed. Since this project does not include cultivation, the number of permits and acres in cultivation will not change.

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 Carlotta Gardens, LLC Conditional Use Permit Modification based upon the Findings and Evidence and subject to the conditions of approval attached hereto as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by reference; and

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on August 3, 2023.

The motion was made by COMMISSIONER Thomas Mulder and second by COMMISSIONER Lonyx Landry and the following ROLL CALL vote:

AYES:

COMMISSIONERS:

Iver Skavdal, Thomas Mulder, Noah Levy, Lonyx Landry,

Peggy O'Neill, Sarah West

NOES:

COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

Brian Mitchell

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 PERMITS ARE CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Conditions which must be satisfied before the cannabis operations may be initiated (unless otherwise indicated).
- 1. Prior to initiating operations, the permittee will provide documentation that the recommendations of Caltrans have been satisfied. Specifically:
 - a. An encroachment permit is required from Caltrans as well as proof of ownership/easement rights; and
 - b. To achieve consistency with State standards, the applicant is required to participate in a pre-submittal meeting prior to submitting an application for an encroachment permit; and
 - c. Only the west driveway will be used for daily access; and
 - d. Use of the east driveway is reserved for emergency access only; and
 - e. The eastern driveway will be gated and locked except in an emergency; and
 - f. Both driveways require improvements to meet standards for commercial road approaches including a minimum 20-foot width and minimum paved approach of 20 feet from the shoulder stripe or Caltrans right of way line, whichever is less. The driveway encroachments will require permits form Caltrans; and
 - g. Sufficient driveway intersection sigh distance must be maintained at all times; and
 - h. Final signage plan shall be submitted subject to review and approval by the Planning Director. Signage shall be compatible and not distract from surrounding uses in the area. All signs shall be installed in accordance with County Code Section 341-1 (Sight Visibility Ordinance)
 - i. The applicant will adhere to the requirements that will not encourage patrons to back out onto State Highway 36 and will comply with the requirements for sufficient driveway intersection sight distance.

Once the items above are completed (1a through 1i), they must be maintained as ongoing permit conditions.

- 2. If completion of any of the items above (A1 through A5) result in changes to the plot plan, the permittee will provide a plot plan update to the department within 30 days or according to a schedule mutually agreed upon by the permittee and the Planning and Building Department.
- 3. The applicant shall store all cannabis products within the licensed premises. All structures included as part of the licensed premises shall be permanent structures. Structures that are considered permanent structures include, but are not limited to, buildings, barns, sheds, shipping containers, and modular buildings. Structures that are not considered permanent include, but are not limited to, structures that rest on wheels or any structure that can be readily moved. All structures must be affixed to the ground.

B. General Conditions

- 1. Upon request, the applicant shall provide documentation verifying that energy obtained from PGE is sourced from an eligible renewable program.
- 2. Applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary County and State permits and licenses and for meeting all requirements set forth by other regulatory agencies.
- 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 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 will be prepared and filed with the County Clerk for this project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines. Within three days of the effective date of permit approval, the Department will file the Notice of Determination and will charge this cost to the project.
- 5. Parking for the project will consist of four (4) regular parking spaces, two (2) recreational vehicle parking spaces, and one (1) ADA parkin space.
- 6. The portable farm stand may use portable toilets to support farm-based retail activities. Permittee shall provide portable toilet(s) to the retail area, meeting appropriate setbacks per Humboldt County Code, or install a permitted onsite wastewater treatment system associated with a permitted structure.
- 7. The applicant shall be compliant with the County of Humboldt's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) requirements regarding hazardous materials. Ongoing proof of compliance with this condition shall be required at each annual inspection to keep the permit valid.

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

- 1. The combination of background or other operational equipment created noise must not exceed more than three decibels above ambient noise as measured in the August 2022 noise assessment. Specifically, noise may not exceed 55.95 dB for the northern parcel boundary line (Position CG-1W), 53.35 dB for the western parcel boundary(position CG-2E), and 75.8 dB for the southern (position CG-3S) legal parcel boundary line. The overall average decibel reading is 61.37 dB.
- 2. 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.

- 3. All artificial lighting shall be fully contained within structures such that no light escapes (i.e., through the use of blackout curtains). Structures shall be enclosed between 30 minutes prior to sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise to prevent disruption to crepuscular wildlife. Security lighting shall comply with the International Dark-Sky Association standards and Fixture Seal of Approval Program (refer to https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-citizens/lighting-basics/). Standards include but are not limited to: Light shall 1) be shielded and downward facing, 2) 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.
- 4. Should the Humboldt County Planning Division receive complaints that the lighting or noise is not complying with the standards listed above 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.
- 5. No generator will be used in association with this project.
- 6. The use of monofilament netting for all uses, including but not limited for erosion control, shall be prohibited. Geotextiles, fiber rolls, and other erosion control measure materials shall be made of loose-weave mesh, such as jute, hemp, coconut (coir) fiber, or other products without welded weaves to minimize the risk of ensnaring and strangling wildlife.
- 7. All refuse shall be contained in wildlife proof storage containers, at all times, and disposed of at an authorized waste management facility.
- 8. Should any wildlife be encountered during work activities, the wildlife shall not be disturbed and be allowed to leave the work site unharmed.
- 9. The use of anticoagulant rodenticide is prohibited
- 10. The operator shall provide information to all employees about the potential health impacts of cannabis use on children. Information shall be provided by posting the brochures from the Department of Health and Human Services titled "Cannabis Palm Card" and "Cannabis Rack

- Card." This information shall also be provided to all employees as part of the employee orientation.
- 11. All components of project shall be developed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the Project Description, the approved Site Plan, the Plan of Operations, 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. If offsite processing is chosen to be the preferred method of processing, this permit shall be modified to identify the offsite licensed facility.
- 12. Cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activity shall be conducted in compliance with all laws and regulations as set forth in the CCLUO 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. 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.
- 15. Comply with the terms of any applicable Lake and Stream Alteration (1600 or 1602) Permit obtained from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
- 16. 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. No tree removal is authorized by this Conditional Use Permit.
- 17. 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).
- 18. Properly store and/or use fuels, fertilizer, pesticide, fungicide, rodenticide, or herbicide.
- 19. Pay all applicable application, review for conformance with conditions, and annual inspection fees.
- 20. The master logbooks maintained by the applicant to track production and sales shall be maintained for inspection by the County.

21. 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

- 22. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26051.5(a)(8), an applicant seeking a cultivation license shall "provide a statement declaring the applicant is an 'agricultural employer,' as defined in the Alatorre-Zenovich-Dunlap-Berman Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 (Part 3.5 commencing with Section 1140) of Division 2 of the Labor Code), to the extent not prohibited by law."
- 23. Operators 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).
- 24. While engaged in processing, operators 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.
- 25. 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.
- 26. All operators 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
- 27. <u>Term of Commercial Cannabis Activity Permit</u>. Any Commercial Cannabis Cultivation permit issued pursuant to the CMMLUO or CCLUO 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.
- 28. <u>Inspections</u>. 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 Permit, immediately upon the expiration of any appeal period, or final determination of the appeal if an appeal has been timely filed.
- 29. <u>Permit Renewals to Comply with Updated Laws and Regulations</u>. 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.
- 30. 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.
- 31. <u>Transfers</u>. 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.
- 32. <u>Inspections</u>. 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.

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. 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.
- 15. 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).
- 16. Comply with the terms of any applicable Lake and Stream Alteration (1600 or 1602) Permit obtained from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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).
- 19. Refrain from the improper storage or use of any fuels, fertilizer, pesticide, fungicide, rodenticide, or herbicide.
- 20. Pay all applicable application, review for conformance with conditions and annual inspection fees.
- 21. 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.
- 22. The master log books maintained by the applicant to track production and sales shall

be maintained for inspection by the County.

23. 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

- 24. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26051.5(a)(8), an applicant seeking a cultivation license shall "provide a statement declaring the applicant is an 'agricultural employer,' as defined in the Alatorre-Zenovich-Dunlap-Berman Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 (Part 3.5 commencing with Section 1140) of Division 2 of the Labor Code), to the extent not prohibited by law."
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 - b. Cultivation operations and processing operations must visibly post and maintain an emergency contact list which includes at a minimum:

- (1) Operation manager contacts;
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- 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. <u>Term of Commercial Cannabis Activity Permit</u>. Any Commercial Cannabis Cultivation permit issued pursuant to the CMMLUO or CCLUO 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. <u>Inspections</u>. 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 Permit, immediately upon the expiration of any appeal period, or final determination of the appeal if an appeal has been timely filed.
- 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. <u>Acknowledgements to Remain in Full Force and Effect</u>. 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. <u>Transfers</u>. Transfer of any leases or permits approved by this project is subject to the review and approval of the Planning Director for conformance with 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. <u>Inspections</u>. 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. None