

Resumen del formulario

Applicant Name and Title	[REDACTED]
Applicant Address	[REDACTED]
Applicant Phone	[REDACTED]
Applicant Email	[REDACTED]
Applicant interest in project/site	Owner
Business/Association Name	Goa Rock Ranch
Are you applying as a Humboldt County based business, cooperative, association, or nonprofit organization?	Yes
Are 75% or more of its operations based in Humboldt County?	Yes
Are you currently licensed and registered to operate in Humboldt County?	Yes
If you are not licensed or registered to operate in Humboldt County, are you in the process of doing so?	
Are the activities of your business, association, or organization, specific to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution or retail of cannabis, or whose organization provides support and/or services to the cannabis industry?	Yes
\$10,000 Eligibility	Cultivation (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)
Cultivation Lighting (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)	Outdoor
\$50,000 Eligibility	
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If Other, please explain	
What amount of the business is Humboldt-owned? "Humboldt-owned" is defined by registered residency of owners	100% Humboldt-owned
Ownership Structure and Owners	[REDACTED]
# of FTE Employees	

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Summarize the business/association and its activities Word Limit: 250	We are a husband and wife cannabis cultivation operation with 10,000 square feet of cultivation area. We are located in the hills of Southern Humboldt on a property on the Elk Ridge/Salmon Creek boundary. We have owned this property for 5 years and are in the process of bringing it into compliance with County and State regulations and securing full annual licenses at the County and State level. We cultivate small batch, hand grown, organic cannabis on 3 legacy sites on our 40 acre parcel.
Program / Project Name	Goat Rock Ranch CDFW LSA Application
Requested Amount	USD 10000.00
Total project cost/funding needed:	USD 16629.50
Additional Funding Sources	Owner
Type of project	Planning, Implementation
If Other, please explain	
Project Address	 Redway Ca 95560
Project Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):	221230002
Does the project/business consist of a qualified outdoor cultivating operation (as per Humboldt County Land Use Ordinance) that produces less than 10,000 sq. ft. of cannabis (not including co-ops and associations whose cumulative area may exceed 10,000 square feet)?	Yes
Licenses & Permits	CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Provisional Permit, CDFW Lake And Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement or written verification if not needed., Humboldt County Provisional Permit, Jurisdiction Business License, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration tax permit, CDFA Weighmaster license, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
Licenses, Permits, & Agreements	archive-1.zip

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Goat Rock Ranch is located [REDACTED] in the south western corner of Salmon Creek watershed in Southern Humboldt County. The current owners purchased the property 5 years ago from the single previous owner who had developed the land in the early 1980s and had grown cannabis at 3 separate locations on the property.

The current owners need to bring the property into compliance with all the new cannabis regulations including those set forth by CDFW to be able to continue cultivating cannabis on the property.

Most of the previous work on the land was done by the previous landowner and does not meet the requirements of CDFW today nor was it ever registered with CDFW and LSA agreements were never sought.

The land is an extremely beautiful 40 acre property with several ponds, much running water, 2 developed springs and a pelton wheel for hydro electricity. While these features all add to the natural beauty of the land, they all need to be included in an LSA (Lake and Stream bed Alteration) Agreement with CDFW, along with a few other features (pelton wheel, rock ford). There is also a culvert under the main access road which is undersized by CDFW's current requirements and hence needs to be replaced.

Goat Rock Ranch is applying to Project Trellis for assistance towards the onerous cost of becoming compliant with CDFW. Once we obtain our LSA agreement we will be able to secure a full annual license within Humboldt County and then With the State of California through the CDFA.

Goat Rock Ranch is seeking help from Project Trellis to augment their own personal contribution to the cost of coming into compliance with CDFW and will seek other sources of funding if costs become too great.

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Goat Rock Ranch is a 100% Humboldt County owned cannabis business. The owners are a husband and wife partnership who have resided in Humboldt county for the past 18 years and are raising their family here.

The owners have, and will continue to, contribute to the economic sustainability of Humboldt County through entering into the legalization process of the cannabis industry in California. We enjoy cultivating cannabis and wish to continue to do so, based in Southern Humboldt. While the journey to having a legal farm has been difficult and expensive we have committed to the process so far and would be very disappointed to stumble at the hurdle presented by CDFW.

Both of the owners are involved in the local community. We live and work locally, spend our money locally, school our children locally and volunteer within the local community. I have volunteered in the classrooms of both our children for many years and volunteered at numerous community events. I also work as an independent contractor for a local medicinal herbal company which is 100% Humboldt owned and operated since 2004. My [REDACTED] has volunteered at [REDACTED] and has had a [REDACTED] there for the past 12 years. He has also coached all youth community sports (soccer, baseball, basketball) at all age levels and would be doing so currently if it were not for the pandemic. Our teenage [REDACTED] also works for a local, 100% Humboldt owned business.

By becoming compliant to the cannabis industry laws and obtaining a full state license to cultivate we will be able to continue residing in this county, contributing to our local community through our volunteer work, spending our money locally and hiring local workers/ services if and when needed. Our project will require major earthwork and all services will be sought locally from Humboldt county based and owned operators. If/when we grow to the size of needing permanent help on our farm we will source and hire local skilled labor as much as possible.

By owning our farm business in Southern Humboldt we are contributing to the local tax base through cultivation taxes, property taxes and legal cannabis sales. Our products will help increase awareness and demand for Humboldt County produced products statewide.

We sell our products exclusively to Humboldt County based/owned distributors and we use Humboldt County based /owned suppliers for all our cultivation needs. By bringing our property into compliance with CDFW (our last hurdle) we are committing to the long term economic and environmental sustainability of our property and bringing stability to our business through the annual licenses we will be able to obtain.

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By entering into an LSA agreement with CDFW we are, by default, helping to avoid many negative environmental impacts. While LSA itself requires many stringent environmental standards to be met CDFW also requires the applicant to be in compliance

with Water Board environmental requirements and local jurisdiction environmental requirements too.

In addition to the positive environmental and long term sustainability offered by an LSA agreement Goat Rock Ranch employs the best possible management practices in its farming methods to help mitigate any negative environmental impacts and preserve the long term sustainability of its farmland.

We have a basic solar system in place which is an ongoing upgrade project as funds become available. We recently upgraded some of the panels and installed newer, more efficient batteries. We use solar power as much as possible for our farming practices and rely on generator back up as little as possible and use it when only absolutely necessary. We also have a pelton wheel which is used to provide power to the farm during wet weather months.

We rebuild and reuse our soil on an annual basis choosing to amend and improve rather than replace. This is better for the environment in many ways, not least as it avoids the problem of huge spoils over the winter season and the risk of these entering water systems.

Our water source for our cultivation is 100% rainwater catchment in the form of a 450,000 gallon pond which adequately supplies our 9,900 square foot cultivation site. This pond is part of our LSA application.

We don't have fuel stored on site nor do we store fertilizers/amendments on site as we do not want to risk a spill or similar issue that could cause unnecessary pollution or environmental damage.

All products used cultivation are organic and are applied at the rates recommended by the manufacturers. We water at the applicable agronomic rate to avoid any run off or seepage in to surrounding ground or surface waters.

The ponds on our property are also home to abundant bird, insect and other wildlife which we thoroughly enjoy seeing and hearing while working with our plants.

The cultivation sites we use are the same that have been used historically since the late 1980s by the previous owner i.e. legacy sites. We have neither extended, graded or altered them as we believe in only cultivating an area as big as the land can sustain without any major changes to the natural landscape and beauty or resources it has to offer. We do not wish to stress the natural resources that are available to us under the name of organic cannabis cultivation.

It is not our intent to turn this land into a huge "grow scene". We want to preserve the outstanding natural beauty of the land while continuing to grow small batch, hand crafted organic cannabis in the beautiful hills of Southern Humboldt and continue to contribute to our amazing local community and economy as much as possible.

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In early 2019 we self submitted a bare minimum LSA application to get into the CDFW system as advised by CDFW representatives. We received a response detailing the deficiencies in our application in mid 2019.

CDFW is requiring complicated calculations to determine if the pond outflows and the culvert under our main access road are sufficient to withstand a 100year storm. We have talked to CDFW many times regarding our application and were able to self submit the original application to help keep our costs to a minimum. However, these calculations are beyond the scope of our ability and we are unable to do them ourselves. We have had to hire a local, Humboldt county owned/based engineering consultant firm to do this work for us.

Once we have re-submitted and correctly paid for our application with CDFW we will get a 5year LSA agreement with CDFW for all the projects listed on our application (8 in total).

With the agreement in hand we will be looking to hire a local contractor to implement the work who is already familiar with the property and project as he was born and raised in Southern Humboldt. I am awaiting a provisional quote from him for the project cost.

Should we receive funding from Project Trellis to enable us to move forward with our project we will be able to continue with our LSA application and the work recommended in the engineering report. At present our LSA agreement is the only item preventing us from being issued a full annual cannabis permit from Humboldt County and the State of California.

We know the costs involves with the project. CDFW has a fixed fee schedule which includes a large remediation fee for properties that are cultivating cannabis and are seeking an LSA. We have an invoice from our consultant for the field work to whom we have already paid a deposit and will receive a quote from the contractor for the work needed to be done under the LSA. We do not anticipate many surprise costs as all work that needs to be done will be detailed in our LSA agreement and we are aware of these details after our consultant's visit to our property

We have invested many hours and thousands of dollars into our application process with both Humboldt County and the CDFA to obtain full annual licenses. We are facing challenges competing in the legal market and any help with this final hurdle to becoming a legal farm will be gratefully received.

We currently have no permanent employees and do most of the work ourselves. If we need help we use local employment agencies. However if/when we hire our own permanent employees we will seek to become compliant with AB1291.

Our project supports what we believe should be the best practices of cultivators in the cannabis industry, namely environmentally respectful, sustainable, small scale, low impact, resource friendly and compliant with the regulations of legalization.

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Project Budget	archive-2.zip
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