

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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Mayers Flat Farm, LLC: Special Permit

Record Number PLN-12651-SP (filed 12/28/2016)

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 211-372-006

Myers Flat Area

A Special Permit to expand an existing 8,750-square-foot (SF) cannabis cultivation operation consisting of two light-deprivation greenhouses to 41,300 SF of outdoor cultivation in 11 light-deprivation greenhouses. Ancillary propagation would occur also expand to 3,900-SF consisting of a 3,360-SF propagation area and within an existing 840-SF greenhouse. Water is sourced from a 350,000-gallon onsite rainwater catchment pond with excess flows would be pumped to a collection of 40,000 gallons of proposed tank storage. A point of diversion (POD) and groundwater well are used for domestic purposes. Water usage is estimated to require 379,444 gallons for irrigation, per growing season, at full buildout (9.2 gallons/SF/year), with an additional 18,250-gallons used domestically. Existing water storage of 364,100 gallons would be expanded to 404,100 gallons at full buildout. Drying of cannabis would continue onsite in an existing outbuilding using dehumidifiers and fans. Offsite processing in a licensed facility is proposed. Up to three independent contract employees are anticipated during peak operations. Power is provided by a 25-kilowatt (kW) (and backup 45kW) diesel generator as the applicant finalizes plans to install a solar array. Expansion is only allowed once the applicant demonstrates conversion to alternative energy to meet total power needs within 3 years of the permit as a condition of approval. Two additional Special Permits are required for the buffer reduction of the storage pond located within delineated wetland buffers and for the ongoing maintenance or decommissioning of the registered point of diversion.

Adopt the Resolution to find the Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the adopted Environmental Impact Report for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO) as described by Section §15164 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, make all of the required findings for approval of the Special Permits (3) and approve the Mayers Flat Farm, LLC, Special Permits (3) as recommended subject to the recommended conditions.