

# NOTICE OF A SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING TO CONSIDER A CANNABIS CULTIVATION USE PERMIT

Virtual Public Hearing Only--additional accommodations and digital file review are available.

**WHO:** Project Applicant, Al Eaddy on behalf of Free Stone Ranch, LLC, and ASG Northbay Inc. **Permit Sonoma File No. UPC17-0069**

**WHAT:** Request for a five-year limited-term Conditional Use Permit for 39,861 square feet of outdoor cultivation, 3,150 square feet of outdoor cultivation in temporary hoop-houses, 500 square feet of indoor cultivation/wholesale nursery and associated propagation, and processing of site-grown plants. The project will utilize an existing building for the indoor grow area. There will be no manufacturing on site. The applicant is proposing to process the indoor cannabis on-site. The project would have a maximum of 6 full-time employees. During harvest season, the project would operate 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Delivery and shipping activities would be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The project would not be open to the public. The project site is currently operating under the Penalty Relief Program. The project is on a 10.72-acre parcel located at 1478 Valley Ford Freestone Road in Valley Ford. **APN 026-080-009. Supervisorial District 5.**

**Parcel Zoning:** Land Extensive Agriculture Combining District (LEA B6 160).

**The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors** will hold a public hearing to consider adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and an action approving a cannabis cultivation use permit in which all interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments. **Members of the Public May Not Attend this Meeting in Person.**

An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project's potential environmental impacts have been analyzed. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed which finds that potential environmental impacts have been fully mitigated to less-than-significant levels. All mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project conditions of approval.

**WHERE & WHEN:**

The **Sonoma County Board of Supervisors** will hold a public hearing to consider this item on **August 31, 2021 at 2:45 PM** in accordance with Executive Order N-08-21, **this meeting will be conducted via videoconference only, without a physical location from which members of the public may observe and offer public comment. Members of the public may watch, listen, and participate in the hearing through Zoom or by phone call.** Instructions for participating in the hearing via Zoom or phone call will be published on the Board's agenda for its August 31, 2021 meeting.

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

Meeting materials will be available on the Board of Supervisors website, <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Project materials and associated documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the project planner. For more information about this proposal, to submit comments, or to request an accommodation for review of the file, please contact the project planner, Cecilia Jaroslowsky at [cjaroslowsky@migcom.com](mailto:cjaroslowsky@migcom.com) or (510) 845-7549.

**GETTING INVOLVED:**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please contact the Project Planner noted above. **Public comment prior to the Board meeting:** Public comment may be submitted via email. You may submit an emailed public comment to the Board at the [bos@sonoma-county.org](mailto:bos@sonoma-county.org), identifying the specific item and agenda number on which you are commenting. Emailed comments will be emailed to all Board members.

**Public comment during the Board meeting:** Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either through the Zoom app or by telephone, will have an opportunity to provide live comments during the hearing. Please refer to the meeting agenda for instructions on how to join the meeting via the Zoom app or by telephone. The agenda will be posted in advance of the meeting date on the Board of Supervisors website: <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Comments may also be submitted during the hearing, by email to [bos@sonoma-county.org](mailto:bos@sonoma-county.org). Email comments submitted during the hearing will be forwarded to all Board members.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

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