

NOTICE OF A SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A USE PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR CANNABIS CULTIVATION

WHO: Project Applicant, Patrick Bransford, **Permit Sonoma File No. UPC18-0037**

WHAT: A five-year limited term Conditional Use Permit for commercial cannabis cultivation, including 43,560 square feet (1 acre) of outdoor cannabis cultivation, 10,890 square feet of propagation and self transport. The project would be allowed to conduct cultivation activities twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week as needed. Deliveries and shipping would be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The operation would be supported by four full time employees and four seasonal employees on a 40 acre parcel located at 2260 Los Alamos Road, Santa Rosa, **APN 030-090-002. Supervisorial District 1.** The Board of Supervisors exercised Original Jurisdiction of this cannabis application on December 17, 2019.

Parcel Zoning: Resources and Rural Development (allowed density: 200 acres per dwelling unit) and combining zones for Biotic Habitat.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider an action finding the project Categorical Exempt from CEQA and approving a Conditional Use Permit in which all interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments. **Members of the public may attend this meeting in person or virtually.**

Permit Sonoma has determined that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15304 (Minor Land Alterations) of the CEQA Guidelines which provides that which provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land water and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project involves seasonal outdoor cultivation of an area constituting 1.60 acre of the 40-acre parcel, or four percent of the overall project site. The use does not require additional grading, vegetation removal, construction of new structures or placement of impervious surfaces. A categorical exemption is also appropriate because the evidence supports the conclusion the Project will not have a significant impact on wildfire risk or evacuation plans in the event of an emergency. The proposed activity is also exempt under the common sense exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question could have a significant impact on the environment.

WHERE & WHEN:

The **Sonoma County Board of Supervisors** will hold a public hearing to consider this item on **November 2, 2021 at 1:30 PM or after. In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconferenced Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference, with modified procedures by which members of the public may observe and offer public comment at the Board chambers. Members of the public are encouraged to watch, listen, and participate in the hearing through Zoom or by phone call, though in person public participation is available.** Instructions for participating in the hearing will be published on the Board's agenda for its November 2, 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, Marina Herrera at Marina.Herrera@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-2397.

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, 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 meeting, either through the Zoom app, by telephone, or in person, 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. 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. 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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