



**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM  
INITIAL STUDY (IS 20-01)**

1. **Project Title:** Christina Torres / Stella Green Farms
2. **Permit Numbers:** Use Permit UP 20-01  
Initial Study IS 20-01
3. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** County of Lake  
Community Development Department  
Courthouse – 255 North Forbes Street  
Lakeport CA 95453
4. **Contact Person:** Eric Porter, Associate Planner  
(707) 263-2221
5. **Project Location(s):** 5805 Highland Springs Road, Lakeport, CA  
**APN: 008-044-24**
6. **Project Sponsor's Name/Address:** Christina Torres  
27441 Blue Lake Court  
Willits, CA 95490
7. **General Plan Designation:** Agriculture
8. **Zoning:** "APZ-WW-SC" Agricultural Preservation – Waterway –  
Scenic Combining
9. **Description of Project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary).**
  - Supervisor District: District 4
  - Flood Zone: Not within a designated flood zone.
  - Slope: Flat
  - Fire Hazard Severity Zone: Moderate and High Fire Severity Zone
  - Earthquake Fault Zone: Not within a mapped fault zone
  - Dam Failure Inundation Area: Not within dam failure zone
  - Parcel Sizes: ±20 acres

The applicant is requesting approval for (1) A-Type 3 (medium outdoor) commercial cannabis cultivation license that would include a 65,000 s.f. cultivation area enclosed in a 6 foot tall fence, and for (1) A-Type 13 'Self Distribution' license. Lake County Zoning Ordinance, On December 15, 2020, the County of Lake adopted new setbacks for any outdoor cultivation that is within 1000 feet of an established Agricultural use, such is the case with this proposal. This setback however can be waived if

the cannabis is grown inside of greenhouses; therefore the scope of this project will change to allow up to 22,000 sq. ft. of cannabis canopy within greenhouses only.

Article 27, subsection (at) in part regulates cannabis cultivation in Lake County. The 20+ acre property is large enough to support these licenses. The applicant is not within an “exclusion overlay district”, and the applicant is pre-enrolled with the Regional Water Board. The applicant must meet all requirements for commercial cannabis cultivation.

The site will be served by an on-site well; the applicant has provided water flow data for this water source.

The Planning and Building Department conducted a site inspection on Tuesday November 26, 2019 to determine the following: (1) whether compliance with Public Resource Codes (PRC) 4290 and 4291 were met; (2) whether the site plan accurately depicted the site layout, and (3) whether any buildings were present that were not accounted for on the site plan submitted.

### **Construction**

- Construction of the site would take place over a four to six week period
- Includes construction of a 2400 s.f. drying building
- Constructing a fence for the cultivation area
- Importing fabric pots and soil for the cannabis plant growing medium
- Improvements to interior driveway
- Construction-related estimated daily trips would range between four and eight trips per day, primarily to bring construction-related supplies to the site (fencing, restroom items, fabric pots, soil).

### **Post Construction Cultivation Activities**

- Self-distribution; an A-Type 13 self-distribution is requested
- On-site drying, trimming and packaging
- The applicant and has provided well data showing the adequacy of the water table in this location.
- Fertilizer is packed in five-gallon, resealable containers and stored in a secondary storage container located in a locked storage shed adjacent to the canopy site. Fertilizer is entirely organic
- Only enough product will be kept on site for ongoing cultivation purposes.
- The remaining containers are returned to the supplier.
- There are no other “chemicals” stored on site. There will be no use of chemical pesticides, rodenticides, or herbicides.
- The facility is open for delivery and pick-ups Monday through Saturday, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Sunday 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- Up to two employees working on the site during peak harvest times, and between one and two employees working on non-peak harvest times.
- Estimated daily vehicle trips would range between two and four following construction.

## **10. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: Briefly describe the project’s surroundings:**

North: “A” Agriculture; 20 acres in size and developed with dwellings and small agricultural uses. One house is located immediately north of the proposed cultivation site.

West: “A” Agriculture; lots vary in size from 10 to 120 acres and are mostly developed with dwellings and small agricultural uses.

East: “APZ” Agricultural Preserve land and “O” Open Space. Lots are 2+ acres or larger, and most contain dwellings and small agricultural uses.

South: “APZ” Agricultural Preserve land with dwellings and no visible agricultural uses. One house is located immediately south of the proposed cultivation site.



**Zoning Map of Site and Vicinity**

**11. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., Permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)**

Lake County Community Development Department  
 Lake County Department of Environmental Health  
 Lake County Air Quality Management District  
 Lake County Department of Public Works  
 Lake County Department of Public Services  
 Lake County Agricultural Commissioner  
 Lake County Sheriff Department  
 Lakeport Fire Protection District  
 Central Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 California Water Resources Control Board  
 California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Calfire)  
 California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)  
 California Department of Food and Agriculture (CalCannabis)  
 California Department of Pesticides Regulations  
 California Department of Public Health  
 California Bureau of Cannabis Control  
 California Department of Consumer Affairs  
 California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)

**12. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.? Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission’s Sacred Lands File per**

Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3 (c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

Notification of the project was sent to local tribes on March 3, 2020. None of the notified tribes responded to the AB 52 Tribal Consultation notice that was sent out.

### 13. Attachments

1. Supplemental Materials, including:

- A. Notice of Intent
- B. Notice of Completion
- C. Summary Form
- D. Mitigation Measure Report

### ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Aesthetics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agriculture &amp; Forestry Resources</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Air Quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultural Resources</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Noise</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Geology / Soils</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Mandatory Findings of Significance</b>

### DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Initial Study Prepared By:  
Eric Porter, Associate Planner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE

Scott DeLeon – Director  
Community Development Department

## SECTION 1

### EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

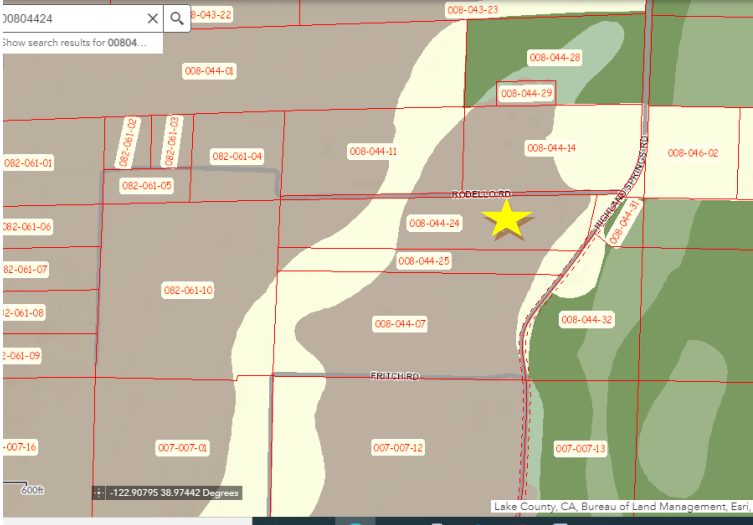
- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, and then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures, which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

**KEY: 1 = Potentially Significant Impact**  
**2 = Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation**  
**3 = Less Than Significant Impact**  
**4 = No Impact**

IMPACT CATEGORIES*	1	2	3	4	All determinations need explanation. Reference to documentation, sources, notes and correspondence.	Source Number**
<b>I. AESTHETICS</b> <i>Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:</i>						
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X		The site is accessed from Highland Springs Road, a designated scenic road. The site is set in a pastoral setting on a flat area on the 20 acre property. There are no impacts to any scenic vistas. The actual cultivation area will be on a portion of the site that has a slight rise in elevation, however the topography of the cultivation area is such that it will have minimal impact on any views, particularly from Highland Springs Road.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?			X		The proposed cultivation sites would not require the removal of any trees.  No rock outcroppings or historic buildings were observed.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			X		The site is located about 2-1/2 miles from the outskirts of the Lakeport city limits. The property is served by Highland Springs Road, which is located about 1-1/2 miles from the cultivation site. The project is not located in an urbanized area.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?		X			The project has some potential to create additional light or glare; the applicant has proposed outdoor cultivation, however a newly adopted regulation in Lake County requires a 1000 foot setback to established agricultural uses, and the proposed cultivation area does not meet this new setback requirement. Therefore the following mitigation measure is needed:  <b>AES-1: Blackout film shall be required on each greenhouse used to mitigate any light from spilling out beyond the greenhouse(s).</b>  <b>Less Than Significant Impact with mitigation measure AES-1 added.</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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<p align="center"><b>II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES</b></p> <p align="center"><i>In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Would the project:</i></p>						
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?			X		<p>The site contains farmland that is a mixture of high value and 'other farmland' which is generally regarded as lower value soil. There are pockets of 'farmland of local importance on the site, however the cultivation area is outside of the higher value farmland that is mapped on the site. No conversion of prime farmland would occur as the result of this project.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10

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b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?			X		<p>The property is under Williamson Act contract and is zoned "APZ", Agricultural Preserve. The County of Lake regards cannabis cultivation as a crop. The neighboring properties to the south and west are zoned APZ and have Williamson Act contracts, and have actively used traditional agricultural uses on them, primarily vineyards.</p> <p>The southern neighboring lot is agriculturally productive. The subject site contains its own access to Highland Springs Road, and would not interfere with the accesses to other agriculturally productive lands to the south and east. The properties to the north and west are zoned Rural Lands and do not contain active agricultural uses.</p>  <p>The County of Lake recently adopted a setback of 1000 feet from established and traditional agricultural uses. To be determined however is whether this setback is retroactive (this application was submitted prior to the enactment of the 1000 foot setback), or whether pre-existing applications are exempt from this new regulation.</p> <p>Lake County allows cannabis cultivation inside greenhouses if the cultivation area is within 1000 feet of established agricultural uses. The following mitigation measure is therefore required:</p> <p><b>AG-1: the applicant shall revise the project scope and provide up to 22,000 square feet of cannabis canopy area inside of greenhouses only. A revised site plan shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review prior to a public hearing on this use permit.</b></p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact with mitigation measure AG-1 added.</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				X	<p>As proposed, the project will not conflict with existing zoning for, and/or cause rezoning of forest lands and/or timberlands or timberlands in production.</p> <p><b>No Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6



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d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X	The project would not result in the loss or conversion of forest land to a non-forest use.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?			X		This project would not induce changes that would result in its conversion to non-agricultural or non-forest use on the subject site. The matter of the 1000 foot setback from an established agricultural use was described in the response to II(b).  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11
<p align="center"><b>III. AIR QUALITY</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Would the project:</i></p>						
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		X			<p>The project has little potential to result in air quality impacts. The cultivation area proposed is outdoors; is 46,120 s.f. in size, and is set back over 300 feet from the nearest property line; however the applicant must revise the scope of the project and provide greenhouse cultivation exclusively due to the newly imposed 1000 foot setback from existing traditional agricultural uses.</p> <p>Greenhouses have the capability of providing air filtration systems that will effectively reduce or eliminate odors from being emitted, and will reduce the potential for the dissipation of pesticides and fertilizers beyond the greenhouses. The cultivator will use “above-ground fabric pots”, and no generators are proposed, which will minimize dust migration. Lake County requires an “Odor Control Plan” which was provided by the applicant; he states that the primary odor mitigation measure used is separation distance. There are dwellings (sensitive receptors) located immediately north and south of this site. Consequently mitigation measures are needed as follows;</p> <p><b><u>AQ-1:</u></b> Prior to obtaining the necessary permits and/or approvals for any phase, applicant shall contact the Lake County Air Quality Management District and obtain an Authority to Construct (A/C) Permit for all operations and for any diesel powered equipment and/or other equipment with potential for air emissions.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-2:</u></b> All mobile diesel equipment used must be in compliance with State registration requirements. Portable and stationary diesel powered equipment must meet the requirements of the State Air Toxic Control Measures for CI engines.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-3:</u></b> The applicant shall maintain records of all hazardous or toxic materials used, including a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all volatile organic compounds utilized, including cleaning materials. Said information shall be made available upon request and/or the ability to provide the Lake County Air Quality Management District such information in order to complete an updated Air Toxic emission Inventory.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-4:</u></b> All vegetation during site development shall be chipped and spread for ground cover and/or erosion control. The burning of vegetation, construction debris, including waste material is prohibited.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-5:</u></b> The applicant shall have the primary access and parking areas surfaced with chip seal, asphalt or an equivalent all weather surfacing to reduce fugitive dust generation. The use of white rock as a road base or surface material for travel routes and/or parking areas is prohibited.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-6:</u></b> All areas subject infrequent use of driveways, over flow parking, etc., shall be surfaced with gravel. Applicant shall regularly use and/or maintain graveled area to reduce fugitive dust generations.</p> <p><b><u>AQ-7:</u></b> All cannabis cultivation shall occur in greenhouses that are</p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13

IMPACT CATEGORIES*	1	2	3	4	All determinations need explanation. Reference to documentation, sources, notes and correspondence.	Source Number**
					<p>equipped with carbon air filtration systems (or similar). If a non-carbon air filtration system is used, it shall be reviewed and approved by Community Development and/or Air Quality (Lake County) prior to any cultivation activity occurring.</p> <p><b>AQ-8:</b> The applicant shall apply water to the ground during any and all site preparation work that is required for the greenhouses and drying building, as well as during any interior driveway improvements to mitigate dust migration.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact with mitigation measures added.</b></p>	
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under and applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			X		<p>The County of Lake is in attainment of state and federal ambient air quality standards. The cannabis cultivation must occur within greenhouses, and air filtration systems are required that will reduce or eliminate potential contaminants from the atmosphere that are generated from inside the greenhouses.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 12
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		X			<p>The nearest sensitive receptor is a residence located approximately 200 feet to the northeast of the proposed cultivation area, and another house located about 300 feet to the southwest of the cultivation area. Levels of pollutants associated with cannabis are typically based on odors and dust migration during site preparation, and from odors generated by the plants during maturity. Mitigation measures are proposed that will minimize odors and dust migration during and after site preparation. Burning cannabis plant waste is prohibited on site.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact with mitigation measures added</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors or dust) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			X		<p>This area is moderately populated. The number of potentially impacted persons in this general area is small, and the cultivation must occur inside of greenhouses given the proximity of nearby traditional ag uses. Given the separation of this cultivation site from its nearest neighbor (200 feet away), it is unlikely that odors and dust will impact the neighbors after site construction concludes, and water will be applied to the disturbed portion of the site during site construction and greenhouse pad preparation. The cannabis plants will be in fabric pots, further minimizing the migration of dust.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12
<b>IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			X		<p><u>A Biological Study</u> was done by Natural Investigations LLC dated December 26, 2019. No sensitive species were observed, and the conclusion reached by the Study indicated that no mitigation measures were necessary given the minimal impact to the site and the lack of observed and mapped sensitive species.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 39
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			X		<p>There are no mapped sensitive habitats that are on the subject site. There are several unnamed Class III streams on the site, but all are located more than 150 feet from the edge of the cultivation area.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 39

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c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X	There are no federally protected wetlands on the subject site.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 39
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?			X		No fish species or migratory corridors will be impacted either directly or indirectly by this action.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 39
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			X		There are no mapped conservation easements or oak woodlands on this site that might otherwise require extra protection or tree replacement. The applicant has indicated that no trees will be removed, and the cultivation areas are essentially ready for planting. Greenhouses will need to have building permits issued for them following use permit approval.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 39
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X	There are no Habitat Conservation Plans associated with this property. No trees would need to be removed by this project, which was previously used as an orchard, however no walnut trees remain on the site.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 39
<b>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?		X			A Cultural Study was prepared for this project by Wolf Creek Archaeology dated December 17, 2019. All eleven Lake County-based Tribes received notification of this action.  The Cultural Study submitted concluded that no cultural resources sites were discovered as a result of the survey; however, the possibility of buried or obscured cultural resources does exist due in part to the dense grass present during the site evaluation. Should archaeological materials be discovered during future development, The surveying Archaeologist added that he recommends that in the event any potentially significant artifacts or remains are discovered, that all activity be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the find(s), and that a qualified archaeologist be retained to evaluate the find(s) and to recommend mitigation procedures, if necessary  According to the Study, it is unlikely that human remains will be discovered during project construction. If, however, human remains of any type are encountered it is recommended that the project sponsor contact a qualified archaeologist to assess the situation.  <b>Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 added as follows:</b>  <b><u>CUL-1:</u> Should any archaeological, paleontological, or cultural materials be discovered during site development, all activity shall be halted in the vicinity of the find(s), the applicant shall notify the local overseeing Tribe, and a qualified archaeologist to evaluate the find(s) and recommend mitigation procedures, if necessary, subject to the approval of the Community Development Director. Should any human remains be encountered, the applicant shall notify the Sheriff's Department, the local overseeing Tribe, and a qualified archaeologist for proper internment and Tribal rituals per Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code 7050.5.</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 40

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					<b>CUL-2:</b> All employees shall be trained in recognizing potentially significant artifacts that may be discovered during ground disturbance. If any artifacts or remains are found, the local overseeing Tribe shall immediately be notified; a licensed archaeologist shall be notified, and the Lake County Community Development Director shall be notified of such finds.	
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			X		No changes are expected to archaeological resources.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 40
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		X			Some ground-disturbing activities are proposed affecting 25,000 square feet of cultivation area. Disturbance of human remains is not anticipated. The applicant shall halt all work and immediately contact the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the local overseeing Tribe, and the Community Development Department if any human remains are encountered.  <b>Less Than Significant with mitigation measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 added.</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 40
<b>VI. ENERGY</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			X		The proposed energy usage for this facility is minimal; energy use would be limited to the security system, greenhouse lighting (limited to 25 foot candles per square foot of interior area), the well pump, lighting for the storage building, and potentially some outdoor lighting. The applicant is proposing the use of on-grid power, however no adverse impact is anticipated through the use of grid power in this circumstance.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				X	The proposed cultivation operations would not conflict with or obstruct an energy plan.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

IMPACT CATEGORIES*	1	2	3	4	All determinations need explanation. Reference to documentation, sources, notes and correspondence.	Source Number**
<b>VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
<p>a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.</li> <li>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</li> <li>iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?</li> <li>iv) Landslides?</li> </ul>			X		<p><u>Earthquake Faults</u> The project site is not located within a mapped Earthquake Fault area as established by the California Geological Survey.</p> <p><u>Seismic Ground Shaking and Seismic-Related Ground Failure including liquefaction.</u> This lot does not contain mapped unstable soils. It appears unlikely that ground shaking, ground failure or liquefaction will occur on this property in the future. The site is flat, ranging in slope between 0% and 10%, with the cultivation area being located on the flattest part of the property. The disturbed area is far enough away from the watershed that it will not impact this hillside with runoff, thus reducing risk of liquefaction.</p> <p><u>Landslides</u> According to the Landslide Hazard Identification Map prepared by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology, the project parcel soil is prone to erode and has a high shrink-swell character, but is not located within and/or adjacent to an existing mapped landslide area.</p> <p>According to the Property Management Plan, some grading would occur on the property to accommodate the cannabis grow site for the proposed commercial grow area greenhouses and the 2,400 s.f. drying building; however the amount of grading needed is minimal and would not require a grading permit. The total area that will be graded and prepared for cultivation plants is about 25,000 sq. ft.</p> <p>Project design shall incorporate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to the maximum extent possible to prevent or reduce discharge of all construction or post construction pollutants into the County storm drainage system. BMPs include scheduling of activities, erosion and sediment control, operation and maintenance procedures and other measures in accordance with Chapter 29 of the Lake County Code.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X		<p>No erosion or loss of topsoil is anticipated.</p> <p>Regarding the new proposal, some minor grading needed for this major use permit will be minimal and will be well below the threshold for requiring a grading permit. The applicant has also indicated that wattles and other organic materials will be placed on the outer boundary of the cultivation area to further prevent soil erosion, and stormwater runoff will channel into the existing on-site stormwater retention basin.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on-site or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			X		<p>According to the soil survey of Lake County, prepared by the U.S.D.A., the soil at the site (type 243) is considered generally stable. There is a less than significant chance of landslide, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse as a result of the project based on the characteristics of type 243 soil, the slope (generally under 5%), and the lack of faults in this immediate area.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 20
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?			X		<p>The shrink-swell potential for the project soil type is low to moderate. The proposed project would not increase risks to life or property.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9

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e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?			X		The project site will be served through an existing onsite waste disposal system.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 21
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?		X			Disturbance of paleontological resources or unique geologic features is not anticipated, and mitigation measures are in place to assure that in the event any artifacts are found, that the applicant will notify the overseeing Tribe(s) and a licensed Archeologist - CUL-1 and CUL-2.  <b>Less than Significant Impact with mitigation measures added.</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			X		Cannabis cultivation activities would not generate a substantial number of vehicle trips and would not require intensive use of heavy equipment, and as such, would not degrade air quality or produce significant amounts of greenhouse gasses. The applicant has indicated that construction will take place over a one to two month period of time for greenhouse pad preparation, and for preparation of the pad for the 2,400 sq. ft. drying building. The applicant indicates that up to four employees will be working on site depending on the time of year – harvest time will support the maximum of four employees, with one or two employees working in the non-harvest periods. Construction-related daily trips are estimated to be 4 to 8 trips per day, and non-construction (day to day site access) will generate up to 4 daily trips.  The use of carbon air filtration systems within the greenhouses will further reduce particulate emission into the atmosphere that occur within the actual greenhouses.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				X	This project will not conflict with any adopted plans or policies for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The County of Lake is an ‘air attainment’ County, and does not have established thresholds of significant for greenhouse gases.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12
<b>IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			X		Materials associated with the proposed Cultivation of Commercial Cannabis, such as gasoline, pesticides, fertilizers, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide and the equipment emissions may be considered hazardous if released into the environment. The applicant has stated that all potentially harmful chemicals will be stored in a locked, secured metal building on site (see photo, next page). The risk of a <i>significant hazard</i> is very minimal. Some gasoline will be stored on site for use in on-site vehicles. No generators are proposed, and the applicant already has on-grid power serving his site. The fertilizers that will be used are organic.  Routine construction materials and all materials associated with the proposed Cultivation of Commercial Cannabis shall be transported and disposed of properly in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations.  According to the <i>Property Management Plan - Fertilizer Management Plan</i> , the fertilizer used will consist of organic materials.  According to the <i>Property Management Plan – Pest Control</i> , all pesticides will be stored in the 2,400 sq. ft. processing building on site., a lockable and secure building	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 22, 23

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					<p>The project shall comply with Section 41.7 of the Lake County Zoning Ordinance that specifies that all uses involving the use or storage of combustible, explosive, caustic or otherwise hazardous materials shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal safety standards and shall be provided with adequate safety devices against the hazard of fire and explosion, and adequate firefighting and fire suppression equipment.</p> <p>All equipment shall be maintained and operated in a manner that minimizes any spill or leak of hazardous materials. Hazardous materials and contaminated soil shall be stored, transported, and disposed of consistent with applicable local, state and federal regulations.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			X		<p>The applicant has stated the chemicals that will be used on site, including the method of storage in a secure and lockable building. The site is not within a flood inundation area, nor is it within an area mapped as unstable soil according to County GIS data.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 23
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X	<p>The proposed project is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.</p> <p><b>No Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			X		<p>The project site is not listed as a site containing hazardous materials in the databases maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Department of Toxic Substance, and Control State Resources Water Control Board.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24, 25
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?			X		<p>The project is located within two (2) miles of an airport (about 6,000 feet from the start of the landing strip of the Lakeport Private Airport), however the site would have buildings that are 20' tall or less, and which are not located in the flight path.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 26, 38
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			X		<p>The project would not impair or interfere with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 38
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?			X		<p>The project site is located in a moderate to high fire hazard severity zone and is in State (CalFire) Responsibility Area.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 27, 28, 38

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<b>X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?			X		This project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. The project will employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) related to erosion and water quality to reduce impacts related to storm water and water quality and adhere to all federal, state and local requirements, as applicable.  The cultivation sites are positioned in a manner that will allow stormwater runoff to drain into the existing on-site water basin.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 29, 30
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			X		The applicant has provided a Water Availability Analysis. The Analysis showed a 6' drawdown over a 4 hour well run period, and almost a complete recharge after 1 hour of inactivity. The well produces about 30 gallons per minute. Projected water usage for this proposal is between 40,000 and 80,000 gallons per month during the growing season.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 31
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner that would:  i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on-site or off-site; ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or iv) impede or redirect flood flows?			X		The soil type on the cultivation site is Type 243 (Maymen-Etsel-Snook complex), characterized by severe erosion and typically found on slopes of 30 to 75 percent.  The total "disturbed area" on the site is about 25,000 s.f. The cannabis plants will be in greenhouses and in fabric pots, which will limit erosion from the plant soil. The slope at the cultivation site is relatively flat, ranging from 0% to 10%. There is minimal likelihood that this project will substantially alter the drainage pattern of the site or area; will result in <u>substantial</u> erosion on or off site; would <u>substantially</u> increase the rate or amount of surface runoff, or would create or contribute to water runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or have any effect on flood flows, which (if present during a significant storm event) would occur several hundred feet to the south of the cultivation site based on the topography of the property.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 15, 17, 29, 30
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?			X		The project site is not located in an area of potential inundation by seiche or tsunami. The parcel is not located within a flood zone. In addition, the soils at the project site are generally stable, and the slope of the site is almost flat, ranging from 0% to 10%. There is minimal potential to induce mudflows.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 24, 32
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				X	The project would not conflict with or obstruct any water quality control or sustainable groundwater management plans.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 29
<b>XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Physically divide an established community?				X	The proposed project would not physically divide an established community. There is an existing driveway that serves the site that would need to be improved slightly (widening and surface treatment), however no new roads are needed, and no division of an existing community would occur by this action.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6



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b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			X		<p>This project is consistent with the Lake County General Plan, Lakeport Area Plan, the Lake County Zoning Ordinance, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan.</p> <p>The property is zoned “APZ” Agricultural Preserve land. Cannabis cultivation is permitted in APZ-zoned land by the Lake County Zoning Ordinance (Article 27, Table B and subsection (at) with a use permit. The applicant shall adhere to all incorporated mitigation measures and conditions of approval.</p> <p>California Department of Food &amp; Agriculture (CDFA) is responsible for licensing and regulation of cannabis cultivation and enforcements defined in the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and CDFA regulations related to cannabis cultivation.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>XII. MINERAL RESOURCES</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X	<p>The site contains no known mineral resources.</p> <p><b>No Impact</b></p>	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 33
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				X	<p>The site contains no known mineral resources.</p> <p><b>No Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 33
<b>XIII. NOISE</b> <i>Would the project result in:</i>						
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?		X			<p>No permanent increases in ambient noise levels will occur with this project. A small amount of infrequent noise could be anticipated if a properly-permitted backup power generator is activated during any power outage or during generator testing, but these impacts would not be significant or long lasting. Maximum non-construction related sound levels shall not exceed maximum levels specified in Zoning Ordinance Section 21-41.11 (Table 11.2) at the surrounding residences.</p> <p><b>NOI-1: All construction activities including engine warm-up shall be limited Monday Through Friday, between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm, and Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm to minimize noise impacts on nearby residents. Back-up beepers shall be adjusted to the lowest allowable levels. This mitigation does not apply to night work.</b></p> <p><b>NOI-2: Maximum non-construction related sounds levels shall not exceed levels of 55 dBA between the hours of 7:00AM to 10:00PM and 45 dBA between the hours of 10:00PM to 7:00AM within residential areas as specified within Zoning Ordinance Section 21-41.11 (Table 11.1) at the property lines.</b></p> <p><b>NOI-3: Generators shall only be used as Emergency Power Backup supply and shall not be used for regular power provision to this facility.</b></p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact with mitigation measures added.</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X		<p>The project is not expected to create unusual groundborne vibration due to site development or operation. The low level truck traffic during construction and for occasional deliveries would create a minimal amount of groundborne vibration.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

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c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?			X		The project is located within two miles of a private airport, the Lakeport Airport. The airport is not frequently used, and allows only light plane usage. The project would include greenhouses and a 2,400 sq. ft. drying building, all of which would be under 20 feet tall. The project would not generate any air traffic, and there is no adopted Air Traffic Control Plan serving the Lakeport Air Strip.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 26
<b>XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X	The project is not anticipated to induce population growth. No new dwelling units are proposed, nor are any needed.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X	No people or housing will be displaced as a result of the project.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>XV. PUBLIC SERVICES</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: - Fire Protection? - Police Protection? - Schools? - Parks? - Other Public Facilities?			X		The project does not propose housing or other uses that would necessitate the need for new or altered government facilities. There will not be a need to increase fire or police protection, schools, parks or other public facilities as a result of the project's implementation. The cultivation activity would use "on-grid" power, however the power needs for this type of activity would involve lighting for greenhouses, the well pump, security cameras and potentially some outdoor security lighting.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
<b>XVI. RECREATION</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X	The project will not have any impacts on existing parks or other recreational facilities.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X	This project will not necessitate the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities.  <b>No Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

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<b>XVII. TRANSPORTATION</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?			X		<p>The project site is accessible off of Highland Springs Road, a paved County-maintained road at this location. No improvements to Highland Springs Road are proposed, nor do they appear to be necessary at this location. Highland Springs Road has two 10' wide travel lanes and 2 to 4' wide shoulders in this vicinity that can be used by bicycles and pedestrians.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 34, 35, 38
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			X		<p>The project is expected to generate an average of 4 to 8 vehicle trips per day during construction and 2 to 4 trips after the end of construction. Significant impacts are not anticipated based on the proposed on-site construction that would occur during the preparation of the cultivation area. CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b) lists thresholds that would otherwise trigger a traffic impact study (TIS); this project does not qualify for the TIS requirement.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 34, 35
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X	<p>The proposed project would not increase hazards at the project site as no road improvements other than some minor improvements to the existing interior driveway are needed. Interior driveway improvements will occur to make the site compliant with Public Resource Code (PRC) sections 4290 and 4291, 'CalFire Road Standards' since building permits for the greenhouse and drying building are required.</p> <p><b>No Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 34, 35
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?			X		<p>As proposed, this project site will not impact existing emergency access, which is taken from Highland Springs Road adjacent to the site.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 34, 35
<b>XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES</b> <i>Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:</i>						
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or		X			<p>The applicant has submitted a Cultural Resource study prepared by Wolf Creek Archaeology LLC. The findings listed in the Study did not indicate that this site is a candidate for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources, and the site is not within any designated 'local sites of historic resource'.</p> <p>Further, a standard mitigation measure (CUL-1) requires the notification of the overseeing Tribe and contacting a licensed Archeologist of any Native American artifacts or remains are found.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact with mitigation measures added.</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 40
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.			X		<p>There are no mapped or observed significant resources (Tribal Cultural) that are on or immediately adjacent to the site. All eleven Lake County tribes were notified of this action, and there were no requests for consultation or adverse comments received by Lake County Planning Department regarding this project.</p> <p><b>Less than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 40

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<b>XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</b> <i>Would the project:</i>						
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X		<p>The subject parcel is served by an existing domestic well and onsite septic system. Power is available from PG&amp;E lines that already serve the existing dwelling. No system expansion is required. The site does not contain a telecommunication system, and is not supplied with natural gas.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 21
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X		<p>The subject parcel is served by an existing domestic well that has gallon output of 30 GPM based on a four-hour run time for the well. This cannabis cultivation project will minimize water use by using a low-pressure drip irrigation system.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 21
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			X		<p>The subject parcel is served by an onsite septic system. A new ADA-compliant restroom will be built in the 2,400 sq. ft. drying building, and will tie in to the existing septic system.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 21
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			X		<p>The existing landfill has sufficient capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs for at least 5 years according to the Lake County Public Services Director.</p> <p>According to the Property Management Plan – Waste Management Plan has been developed to help minimize the generation of waste and for the proper disposal of waste produced during the cultivation and processing of cannabis at the project site. The goal is to prevent the release of hazardous waste into the environment, minimize the generation of cannabis vegetative waste and dispose of cannabis vegetative waste properly, and manage growing medium and dispose of growing medium properly. All employees are required to follow the procedures outlined in this plan. Any deviations from this plan must be immediately brought to the attention of Director of Cultivation.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 36, 37
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X		<p>All requirements related to solid waste disposal will apply to this project.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 36, 37
<b>XX. WILDFIRE</b> <i>If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:</i>						
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			X		<p>The property is located within a High and Moderate fire hazard area. The cultivation site is located in a Moderate fire hazard severity zone. The entire property is in State (CAL FIRE) Responsibility Area as well as within the Lakeport Fire Protection District service area. A site visit on November 26, 2019 confirmed that the site is well-tended; the interior driveway will be 20' wide, and there will be a 30' wide graveled area that can be used for emergency vehicle turn-around purposes. The applicant has installed and maintains a fire break around the house, and which will be provided around the cultivation area.</p> <p><b>Less Than Significant Impact</b></p>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 22, 27, 28, 38

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b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?			X		The developed portion of the site including the cultivation area is neat and well maintained, and is largely devoid of manzanita and other fast-burning fuels. The interior road proposed would be 20' wide and surfaced with gravel. The cultivation area proposed will serve to act as a buffer between eastern properties and fires that might originate from the north and west, however the cultivation activity proposed will have a neutral effect on exposing persons to pollutant concentrations in the event of a wildfire in the area.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 22, 27, 28, 38
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?			X		The developed portions of the site contain fire breaks, which the applicant shall maintain. Other than grasses and scattered oak trees, the site is generally devoid of fuel load. It appears that no additional infrastructural improvements are needed.  <b>Less than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 38
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?			X		There is an existing residence on the property. The risk of flooding, landslides, slope instability, or drainage changes would not be increased due to this project based on the existing development combined with lack of slope in the cultivation areas and on the entire site.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 20, 29, 32, 38
<b>XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>						
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			X		The project proposes a cultivation of commercial cannabis in a previously disturbed area. Because of this, there is minimal risk of degradation, and mitigation measures are proposed that would alleviate most or all of the project-related impacts. As proposed, this project is not anticipated to significantly impact habitat of fish and/or wildlife species or cultural resources, nor will the project contribute to factors that would harm the environment, or add to any wildfire risk.  <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b>	ALL
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?		X			Potentially significant impacts have been identified related to Aesthetics, Agricultural, Air Quality, Cultural / Tribal / Geological Resources and Noise. These impacts in combination with the impacts of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects in the vicinity could cumulatively contribute to significant effects on the environment if proper mitigation measures are not put in place. The scope of this project is 46,000 square feet of cultivation area. Also, implementation of and compliance with mitigation measures identified in each section as project conditions of approval would avoid or reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels and would not result in cumulatively considerable environmental impacts.  <b>Can be mitigated to Less Than Significant Impact</b>	ALL

IMPACT CATEGORIES*	1	2	3	4	All determinations need explanation. Reference to documentation, sources, notes and correspondence.	Source Number**
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		X			The proposed project has potential to result in adverse indirect or direct effects on human beings. In particular, risks associated Aesthetics, Agricultural, Air Quality, Cultural / Tribal / Geological Resources and Noise, and have the potential to impact human beings. Implementation of and compliance with mitigation measures identified in each section would reduce adverse indirect or direct effects on human beings and impacts.  <b>Can be mitigated to Less Than Significant Impact</b>	ALL

\* Impact Categories defined by CEQA

**\*\*Source List**

1. Lake County General Plan
2. Lake County Zoning Ordinance
3. Lakeport Area Plan
4. Site Visit, November 26, 2019
5. Stella Green Farms Major Use Permit Application and Supplemental Materials
6. Project Management Plan for Major Use Permit; June 6, 2018
7. U.S.G.S. Topographic Maps
8. California Department of Transportation:  
[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16\\_livability/scenic\\_highways/index.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16_livability/scenic_highways/index.htm)
9. U.S.D.A. Lake County Soil Survey
10. Important Farmland Map <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/agriculture/>
11. Lake County Department of Agriculture
12. Lake County Air Quality Management District
13. Lake County Serpentine Soil Mapping
14. California Natural Diversity Database (<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>)
15. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory
16. Vacant
17. Lake County Grading Ordinance, adopted 2007
18. U.S.G.S. Geologic Map and Structure Sections of the Clear Lake Volcanic, Northern California, Miscellaneous Investigation Series, 1995
19. Official Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone maps for Lake County
20. Landslide Hazards in the Eastern Clear Lake Area, Lake County, California, Landslide Hazard Identification Map No. 16, California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology, DMG Open –File Report 89-27, 1990
21. Lake County Health Services Department
22. Lake County Emergency Management Plan
23. Lake County Hazardous Waste Management Plan, adopted 1989
24. Lake County Natural Hazard database
25. Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public)
26. Lake County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, adopted 1992
27. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - Fire Hazard Mapping
28. Northshore Fire Protection District
29. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
30. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
31. State Water Resources Control Board
32. FEMA Flood Hazard Maps
33. Lake County Aggregate Resource Management Plan
34. 2010 Lake County Regional Transportation Plan, Dow & Associates, October 2010
35. California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)
36. CalRecycle Solid Waste Information System  
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/SWFacilities/Directory/Search.aspx>

37. Lake County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and Siting Element, 1996
38. Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted February 2018
39. Biological Study, prepared by Natural Investigations Inc., dated December 26, 2019.
40. Cultural Study, prepared by Wolf Creek Archaeological Services dated December 17, 2019.