

**COUNTY OF LAKE  
MAJOR USE PERMIT, UP 20-22  
INITIAL STUDY, IS 20-25  
WE GROW LLC**

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL  
EXPIRES IF NOT USED BY: April 22, 2023  
VALID UNTIL April 22, 2031**

Pursuant to the approval of the Planning Commission on **April 22, 2021**, there is hereby granted to **WeGrow LLC, a Major Use Permit, UP 20-22** with the following conditions of approval to allow a Commercial Cannabis Cultivation License as follows: (15) A Type 3B (medium mixed light) licenses; (1) A-Type 1C (specialty cottage) license consisting of a cultivation area of **400,405 square feet (sq. ft.) of mixed light (greenhouse) cultivation area**, and a Type 13 'Self Distribution' license on property located at **16750 Herrington Road, Hidden Valley Lake**; and further described as **APNs: 013-060-40, 013-014-03 and 11** subject to the following terms and conditions.

**A. GENERAL**

1. The use hereby permitted shall substantially conform to the **Site Plan(s), Project Description** and **Property Management Plan** and any conditions of approval imposed by the **Major Use Permit** and Review Authority for the mixed light cultivation of **400,405** square feet of cultivation area as shown on the approved site plan for this action, and for several small sheds for use of chemical and security data storage. This approval includes a Type 13 'self-distribution' license. The Community Development Director may approve, in writing, minor modifications that do not result in increased environmental impacts. Applicant shall be in substantial conformance with the following:
  - a. Property Management Plan received April 9, 2020
  - b. Site and Grading Plans received April 9, 2020
  - c. Biological Study, received April 9, 2020
  - d. Tree Replacement Plan, received April 1, 2021
2. This permit does not abridge or supersede the regulatory powers or permit requirements of any federal, state, local agency, special district or department which may retain a regulatory or advisory function as specified by statute or ordinance. The applicant shall obtain permits as may be required from each agency.
3. **Prior to cultivation**, the applicant shall obtain building permits for all new structures that require building permits.
4. **Prior to this permit having full force or effect and following completion of the on-site improvements to Herrington Road and the internal driveway**, the applicant shall contact the Lake County Building Department to schedule an inspection(s) to assure that Public Resource Code sections 4290 and 4291 are being complied with; at 707-263-2221.
5. **Prior to building permit final**, the permit holder shall adhere to all requirements of Chapter 13 of the Lake County Code, including but not limited to adherence with the Hazardous Vegetation requirements
6. All necessary permits shall be obtained from applicable Federal, State and County agencies having jurisdiction over this project **prior to this use permit being of any force or effect**, including but not limited to, Department of Cannabis Control, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of Fish and Wildlife, The State Water Resources Control Board, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Central Valley or North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Public Health, and Department of Consumer Affairs.
7. The Applicant shall comply with the State of California Track and Trace requirements.
8. The applicant shall not sell, transfer and/or give cannabis or cannabis products to any person under the age of 21 and/or allow any person under the age of 21 into the cultivations area and/or employ or retain persons under the age of 21 years old.

9. An applicant shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity. All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by the State Licensing Authorities shall be maintained for a minimum of seven (7) years.
  - *The County may examine the books and records of an applicant and inspect the premises of a permittee when the County deems necessary to perform its duties under this division. All inspections shall be conducted during standard business hours of the permitted facility or at any other reasonable time.*
  - *Applicants shall keep records identified by the County on the premises of the location permitted and the County may make any examination of the records of any applicant. Applicants shall also provide and deliver copies of such documents to the County upon request.*
  - *An applicant, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or interferes with an inspection of the premises or records of the applicant pursuant to this section, has engaged in a violation of this article.*
10. All applicants and/or employees shall undergo and pass a background check by the Lake County Sheriff Department.
11. **Prior to or concurrently with final building inspection**, all structure(s) used for commercial cultivation shall meet accessibility standards. Please contact the Community Development Department - Building Division for more information.
12. **Prior to or concurrently with final building inspection**, all employees shall have access to ADA-compliant restrooms and hand-wash stations.
13. The proper storage of equipment, removal of litter and waste, and cutting of weeds or grass shall not constitute an attractant, breeding place or harborage for pest.
14. The applicant shall maintain a record of all complaints and resolution of complaints and provide tally and summary of the issues in the Annual Performance Review Report.
15. The permit holder shall pay the cannabis cultivation tax to the Lake County Tax Collector in accordance to the cannabis billing cycle. The applicant shall submit proof of payment to the Community Development Department within thirty (30) days of receiving payment confirmation. Failure to pay said cultivation tax will result in the initiation of permit revocation proceedings. For further details on cultivation taxes, please contact the Lake County Tax Collectors Office at (707) 263-2234.
16. This permit shall be null and void if not used by **April 22, 2021** or if the use is abandoned for a period of two (2) years.
17. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife filing fee shall be submitted as required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statute, Section 21089(b) and Fish and Game Code Section 711.4. The fee should be submitted to the Community Development Department **within five days of final approval of the mitigated negative declaration**.
18. **Prior this use permit becoming effective, operative, vested or final** the applicant shall pay the second installment of the Cannabis Program Service Fee in the amount of \$1,623.50 to the Community Development Department.
19. **Prior to this permit having any force or effect**, the permittee(s) shall adhere to the Lake County Division of Environmental Health requirements regarding on-site wastewater treatment and/or potable water requirements. The permittee shall contact the Lake County Division of Environmental Health for details.
20. **Indemnification:** The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, agents, and employees from actions or claims of any description brought on account of any injury or damages sustained, by any person or property resulting from the issuance of the permit and the conduct of the activities authorized under this permit.

**B. AESTHETICS**

1. Prior to cultivation, the applicant shall provide blackout screening in or on each greenhouse to block light from spilling out beyond each greenhouse.

2. The applicant shall screen all cultivation activities with a minimum 8' tall fence with screening applied to the entire fence around the perimeter of the cultivation area.
3. Prior to cultivation, the applicant shall plant screening trees at no more than 20' distance apart from one another around the perimeter of the project area. These trees shall be no less than 5' tall at time of planting, shall be irrigated, and shall be maintained in a healthy state by the applicant for the life of the project. These trees are the replacement trees to be planted at a 3:1 ratio for each oak tree over 5" in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above grade; for each oak tree removed that meets this size limit, three new deciduous trees capable of reaching a height to 20 feet shall be planted.

**C. AIR QUALITY**

1. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-1*
2. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-2*
3. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-3*
4. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-4*
5. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-5*
6. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-6*
7. Each greenhouse shall contain an air and odor filtration system. Method of filtration shall be provided to the Lake County Planning Department for review prior to any construction occurring on site. *Mitigation measure AQ-7*
8. 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. *Mitigation measure AQ-8*

**D. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

1. A follow up Biological Assessment (nesting) survey shall be conducted by a licensed and qualified biologist prior to the start of cultivation. The results of this follow up site visit, including recommendations, shall be provided to the Lake County Planning Department prior to a hearing and cultivation. Any recommendations shall be added as conditions of approval for this use permit. *Mitigation measure BIO-1*

**E. CULTURAL, GEOLOGIC (HISTORIC) AND TRIBAL RESOURCES:**

1. 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 culturally affiliated Tribe shall be notified, and a qualified archaeologist retained 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, they shall be treated in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and with California Health and Safety Code section 7050.5. *Mitigation measures CUL-1*

2. 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 culturally affiliated tribe shall immediately be notified; a licensed archaeologist shall be notified, and the Lake County Community Development Director shall be notified of such finds. *Mitigation measures CUL-2*

**F. ENERGY:**

1. Prior to building permits being issued, the applicant shall provide energy calculations for the proposed project. These calculations shall be prepared by an energy professional, and the means of providing adequate power shall clearly be identified within the scope of these calculations. PG&E confirmation of being able to provide adequate power to the site may be required at the discretion of the Building Official or designee. If the applicant is unable to obtain 'on grid' power for this project, then an alternative energy source shall be submitted to the Building Official for consideration (i.e. solar). Total amperage needs shall be provided within the energy calculations provided. A description of energy use per building may be necessary, as well as engineered energy calculations at the discretion of the Building Official. *Mitigation measure EN-1*
2. If the applicant is unable to obtain adequate 'on-grid' power, the applicant shall be responsible for finding an alternative energy source(s) for this project. The use of generators is prohibited except during an emergency such as a power failure and is only allowed on a short-time basis.

**G. GEOLOGY AND SOIL:**

1. Excavation, filling, vegetation clearing or other disturbance of the soil shall not occur between October 15 and April 15 unless authorized by the Community Development Director. The actual dates of this defined grading period may be adjusted according to weather and soil conditions at the discretion of the Community Development Director.

**H. HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

1. Storage of potentially hazardous waste shall be in its original package, and shall be clearly labeled to display the volume and type of material stored. These packages will be kept inside a storm-proof shed, a locked storage area that will only be accessible to authorized staff. When removing materials from storage the employee name, the type of material, date, and time will be entered into a hazardous waste manifest located within the secure storage area and will be stored for five years. When returning material into storage, the type of material, volume used, name of employee, date and time will be entered into the manifest. Storage areas containing hazardous waste will be inspected weekly by staff/employees to ensure accurate record keeping and safe storage conditions.

**I. HYDROLOGY & WATER QUALITY**

1. The applicant shall maintain on-site water storage of 20,000 gallons for irrigation purposes, and 5,000 gallons in a metal water storage tank with fire department connectivity for fire suppression purposes. *Mitigation measure HYD-1*
2. The applicant shall maintain a record of water usage and shall provide a report of the data collected to the County monthly.
3. The illicit discharge of irrigation or storm water from the project parcel, as defined in Title 40 of the Code of Federal regulation, Sections 122.26, which may result in degradation of water quality of any water body is prohibited.
4. **Prior to this permit having any force or effect**, the applicant shall submit a Storm Water Management Plan based on the requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Central valley region to the Community Development Department for review and approval. Said plan shall include the following:
  - *Identification of any Lake County maintained drainage or conveyance system that the storm water is discharged into and documentation that the storm water discharge is in compliance with the design parameters of those structures.*
  - *Identification of any public roads and bridges that are downstream of the discharge point and documentation that the storm water discharge is in compliance with the design parameters of any such bridges.*
  - *Documentation that the discharge of storm water from the site will not increase the volume of water that historically has flow onto adjacent properties.*

- *Documentation that the discharge of storm water will not increase flood elevations downstream of the discharge point.*
  - *Documentation that the discharge of storm water will not degrade water quality of any water body.*
  - *Documentation of compliance with the requirements of Chapter 29, Storm Water Management Ordinance of the Lake County Ordinance Code.*
  - *Describe the proposed grading of the property.*
  - *Describe the storm water management system.*
  - *Describe the best management practices (BMPs) that will be used during construction and those that will be used post-construction. Post-construction BMPs shall be maintained through the life of the permit.*
  - *Describe what parameters will be monitored and the methodology of the monitoring program.*
5. The applicant shall maintain all necessary permits from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and submit written verification to the Community Development Department. A copy of all permits shall be included in the Annual Performance Report.
  6. The applicant shall have a legal water source on the premises, and shall obtain and maintain all necessary Federal, State or local permits required to utilize the water source. If the permitted activity utilizes a shared source of water from another site, such source shall be a legal source, have all Federal, State or local permits required to utilize the water source, and have a written agreement between the property owner of the site where the source is located and the permitted activity agreeing to the use of the water source and all terms and conditions of that use.
  7. The use of water provided by a public water supply, unlawful water diversions, transported by a water hauler, bottled water, a water-vending machine, or a retail water facility is prohibited. The utilization of water that has been or is illegal diverted from any lake, springs, wetland, stream, creek, vernal pool and/or river is prohibited. The applicant shall not engage in unlawful or unpermitted drawing of surface water.
  8. The applicant may use water supplied by a licensed retail water supplier, as defined in Section 13575 of the Water Code, on an emergency basis only. The applicant shall notify the Community Development Department within seven (7) days of the emergency and provide the following information: (a) A detailed description of the emergency; (b) Identification of the retail water supplier including license number; (c) The volume of water supplied and actions taken to prevent the emergency in the future.
- J. NOISE**
1. All construction activities including engine warm-up shall be limited Monday Through Friday, between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm 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. *Mitigation measures NOI-1*
  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. *Mitigation measures NOI-2*
  3. The operation of the Air Filtration System shall not exceed levels of 57 dBA between the hours of 7:00AM to 10:00PM and 50 dBA from 10:00PM to 7:00AM within residential areas as specified within Zoning Ordinance Section 21-41.11 (Table 11.2) measured at the property lines. *Mitigation measures NOI-3*
- K. TRANSPORTATION**
1. **Prior to final building inspection**, the applicant shall improve the on-site portion of Herrington Road and the interior driveway to comply with PRC 4290 and 4291 road standards. The applicant shall schedule an inspection with the Fire Marshal through the Community Development Department once improvements to the road are completed. A Grading Permit and engineered drawings may be required prior to any work occurring to improve this road. The applicant shall coordinate with the Building Official regarding potential grading plans that might be required prior to any work occurring on Herrington Road or interior driveway improvements. *Mitigation measure TRANS-1.*



2. All deliveries and/or pickups shall during the hours of Monday through Saturday from 7:00AM to 7:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. **Prior to final inspection**, the applicant shall provide a minimum of one (1) parking space per employee on the shift having the largest number of employees. The applicant is proposing up twenty (20) employees, therefore there shall be a minimum of twenty (20) employee parking spaces and one (1) Accessibility Compliant Parking Space including ADA signage for this space.
4. The applicant shall comply with the State of California Weights and Measures requirements found in the California Food and Agriculture Code, California Code of Regulations, and the California Business and Professions Code.
5. The project site(s) shall have access to a public road or a recorded easement that allows for, but not limited to, delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, sheriff and other law enforcement officers, and government employees who are responsible for inspection or enforcement actions. Driveway encroachments onto County-maintained roadways shall be constructed to current County standards and shall be constructed with an encroachment permit obtained from the Department of Public Works.
  - a) *All driveways shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent road surface and fill material from discharging to any surface water body*
  - b) *The design of all access to and driveways providing access to the site where the cannabis related activity that is permitted shall be sufficient to be used by all emergency vehicles and shall be approved by the applicable fire district.*
  - c) *Gates shall not be constructed across driveways or access roads that are used by neighboring properties or the general public. Gates constructed across public access easements are subject to removal per State Street and Highway Codes.*
6. Driveway encroachments onto State and/or County-maintained roadways shall be constructed to current federal, State or local Standards and shall be constructed with an encroachment permit if one is required by the jurisdiction.
7. First fifty (50) feet of a driveway beginning at the edge of the existing improved surface shall be constructed and maintained with an all-weather surface. An all-weather surface includes: Six (6) inches of gravel or crushed rock, an oil and rock surface, asphaltic concrete, or concrete as to prevent road surfaces and fill material from discharging to any surface water body. The use of White Rock is prohibited for any road surfacing.
8. The applicant shall meet and maintain all the requirements and/or regulations as define in 14 California Code of Regulations (CCCR), Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Article 2, §1273.00 through §1273.11 of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) for Emergency Access and Egress Requirements.
9. Gates shall not be constructed across driveways or access roads that are used by neighboring properties or the general public. Gates constructed across public access easements are subject to removal per State Street and Highway Codes. A knox box is required on all gated entrances.
10. **Prior to final inspection**, all ADA-related (accessible) parking areas, routes of travel, building access and/or bathrooms shall meet all California Building Code Requirements.
11. A Grading Permit and engineered drawings may be required prior to any work occurring to improve this road. The applicant shall coordinate with the Building Official regarding potential grading plans that might be required prior to any work occurring on Herrington Road improvements. *Mitigation measure TRANS-2*

**L. TIMING & MITIGATION MONITORING**

1. The permit holder shall permit the County of Lake or representative(s) or designee(s) to make periodic and/or annual inspections at any reasonable time deemed necessary in order to assure that the activity being performed under authority of this permit is in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein.

2. The applicant shall submit an Annual Performance Review Report their initial date of operation for review and approval by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may delegate review of the Annual Report to the Community Development Director at the time of the initial hearing or at any time thereafter. The Annual Report shall identify the effectiveness of the approved Major Use Permit, Operations Manual, Operating Standards, and Conditions of Approval, as well as the identification and implementation of additional procedures deemed necessary. In the event the Planning Commission identifies issues with the Annual Performance Review Report, it may lead to revocation of the approved use and/or the Planning Commission may require the submittal of more frequent Performance Review Reports. Additionally, the Performance Review Report shall include the following:
  - *The project parcel shall be inspected by the Community Development Department on an Annual Basis and/or less frequently if approved by the Community Development Director. A copy of the results from said inspection shall be provided to the applicant to for inclusion in their Performance Review Report.*
  - *A Compliance Monitoring Fee of \$760.00 shall be paid by applicant and accompany the Performance Review Report.*
  - *A Compliance Monitoring Inspection of the Cultivation Site shall be conducted annually during growing season. The applicant shall contact the Community Development Department to schedule such inspection.*
  - *If there are no violation of the use permit and/or State License during the first five (5) years, the inspections may be reduced by the Community Development Director to not less than once every 5 years*
  - *Non-compliance by the applicant in allowing the inspection by the Community Development Department, or refusal to pay the required fees, or noncompliance in submitting the annual "Performance Review Report" for review by the Planning Commission shall be deemed grounds for a revocation of the development permit or use permit and subject the holder of the permit(s) to the penalties outlined in this Code.*
3. The applicant(s) shall submit an application for renewal of the authorized use to the Community Development Department a minimum of 180 days prior to the expirations date of said use. Failure to submit an application for renewal at least six months prior to the expiration date of the permit may result in the expiration of the permit. Applicant shall submit the required application, associated fees and the following additional information which may include but is not limited to:
  - *A copy of all licenses, permits, and conditions of such licenses or permits related to the project from state agencies as appropriate including, but not limited to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of Fish and Wildlife, The State Water Resources Control Board, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Central Valley or North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Department of Public Health.*
  - *A copy of all reports provided the County and State agencies as determined by the Director.*
  - *A list of all employees on the premise during the past year and a copy of the background checks certification for each.*
  - *Documentation that the applicant is still qualified to be an applicant.*
  - *Any proposed changes to the use permit or how the site will be operated.*
  - *Payment of all fees as established by resolution by the Board of Supervisors.*
4. This permit may be revoked if the use for which the permit was granted is conducted as to be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or as to be a nuisance. This permit shall be valid until it expires or is revoked pursuant to the terms of this permit and/or Chapter 21 of the Lake County Code.

Scott DeLeon, Director  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Prepared by: EJP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ACCEPTANCE

I have read and understand the foregoing Major Use Permit and agree to each and every term and condition thereof.

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

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Applicant or Authorized Agent Signature

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Printed Name of Authorized Agent