



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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Re: APCD Incompleteness Items for Nutik Indoor Cannabis Cultivation, 19CUP-00000-00025

Dear Melanie Jackson:

The Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has reviewed the referenced project, which consists of the utilization of an existing 9,350 square foot barn for indoor and nursery cannabis cultivation. The site contains a single family dwelling and other miscellaneous aviary structures. Activated carbon filters are proposed for odor abatement in the barn. The proposed project would employ eight full-time workers. The site uses electricity from PG&E and is also proposing solar panels with battery storage. No grading is required and the site is served by an existing water well. The subject property, a 30.80-acre parcel zoned AG-I-20 and identified in the Assessor Parcel Map Book as APN 083-330-029, is located at 1601 Highway 101 in the unincorporated Buellton area.

APCD finds the application to be incomplete and requires more information about the proposed project to determine potential air quality impacts, appropriate permit conditions for the proposed land use, and applicability of APCD permit requirements, prohibitory rules, and other regulatory programs such as the state's Distributed Generation Program.

Please provide responses to the following items:

1. It appears that aspects of the proposed operation may be subject to APCD permit requirements. Please compile the information necessary to address the items below, and contact APCD Engineering Division to determine applicable permitting requirements. Contact information: David Harris, Engineering Division Supervisor, (805) 961-8824, HarrisD@sbcapcd.org.
 - a. Please describe any existing or proposed combustion equipment that will be installed and/or operated onsite to support the proposed project. This could include large water heaters, boilers, and engines to supply power to equipment, water well drilling, facilities, or operations (such as power to structures, water pumps, electric power generators). Please note that the County of Santa Barbara Cannabis Land Use Ordinance prohibits the use of generators for cultivation and manufacturing, except for temporary use in the event of a power outage or emergency. **For all existing and proposed combustion equipment, provide the sizing such as Btu rating or horsepower, fuel type, anticipated hours of fuel usage and amount of fuel usage, and manufacturer specifications.**
 - b. Please state whether any cannabis manufacturing (volatile and/or non-volatile) will be taking place onsite. For the proposed cannabis processing (including drying and

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packaging) and any cannabis manufacturing please describe in detail the processes, equipment, and end-product.

- c. Please describe the expected power output of the proposed solar panels and battery storage system and how it will be used to meet the total energy demand of the proposed project.
2. Please provide the expected trip generation as a result of the proposed project, including the expected average daily trips and trip types (e.g. worker commute, transport of products onsite, special events, import and export trips including but not limited to delivery, distribution etc.).
3. Please provide an estimation of expected energy use, water use, and waste disposal. This information is necessary to quantify the long-term indirect greenhouse gas emissions generated by the project.

Once the necessary information is provided and reviewed for completeness, the APCD will submit a departmental condition letter for the project. Please ensure that all applicable APCD conditions are included with the Conditions of Approval for the project.

APCD staff has the following initial advisories on the project:

1. **CEQA Requirements/Environmental Analysis:** If the proposed project involves the installation and operation of equipment that would require an air district permit (e.g., for a boiler, engines for power generation, engines for water pumping, et cetera), then the APCD would be acting as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and would rely on the project's environmental analysis when evaluating any APCD permits for proposed equipment. However, the project description does not contain enough information for APCD staff to determine whether this project will require any APCD permits and thus, whether the APCD is a Responsible Agency for this project.

If an APCD permit is required for any project equipment or operations, the project's environmental analysis should include the air pollutant emissions for all proposed equipment and activities to avoid additional CEQA documentation requirements related to APCD permit issuance.

2. **Odor abatement:** This project has the potential to cause odor impacts because of the nature of the operation. The applicant should design the project to minimize the potential for odor generation and public nuisance complaints through controls or abatement techniques, and comply with the requirements of the County's Cannabis Regulations, Section C.6.
3. **New Source Review:** If an APCD permit is required for any project equipment or operations, the APCD will evaluate the emissions from the project to determine whether any New Source Review requirements will apply.
4. **Health Risk:** If an APCD permit is required for any project equipment or operations and the project has the potential to emit toxic or hazardous air pollutants, as part of APCD permit issuance, the project may be required to prepare a Health Risk Assessment to determine the potential level of risk associated with proposed operations.

5. **Permit Timing:** The APCD permit process can take several months. If an APCD permit is required for the project, the applicant is encouraged to submit their Authority to Construct permit application to the APCD as soon as possible, see www.ourair.org/permit-applications/ to download the necessary permit application(s).

If you or the project applicant have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me at (805) 961-8878 or via email at WaddingtonE@sbcapcd.org.

Sincerely,



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