Mendocino County Cannabis Department

How to Submit a Commercial Cannabis Business License Application

Before you begin, please review the below Lists of Information and Possible Documents you should have available to you, as they may be required during the application submittal process:

A. Additional Information you may need to have readily available:

- a. Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Location Information:
 - i. Site Address
 - ii. Assessor Parcel Number (APN)
 - The property's APN can be found utilizing the County's Zoning Web Map portal:

https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-buildingservices/zoning-web-map

- iii. Parcel Acreage
 - Parcel acreage can be verified on the County's Zoning Web Map portal:
 https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/zoning-web-map
- b. Employee Information (if you plan to utilize full or part time employees)
 - i. Number of Employees (both full time and seasonal)
 - ii. Employee information:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Date of Birth
 - iii. Start Date
 - iv. End Date
- c. Grant Information, Local Equity Entrepreneur Program (LEEP)
 - i. LEEP Equity Eligibility Number
 - Link to the County of Mendocino Cannabis Grant Information page: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/cannabis-department/cannabis-grant-information

B. Possible Documents you may need for submittal:

- a. Site Plan
 - i. Submit an accurate and up-to-date Site Plan that reflects the applicant's current and proposed cultivation activities. The Site Plan must match the information provided in the Structures List (A part of the Accela Application).
 - Link to the County's Plot Plan Requirements Checklist detailing information to be shown on the Site Plan:

https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/20725/638103315509600000

- b. Valid Seller's Permit
- c. Agent Consent Form
 - i. If the applicant would like to register an agent in association with the application, an Agent Consent Form must be submitted. Only one Agent Consent Form may be submitted per application.
 - A download link to the County's Agent Consent Form: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/61304/6 38346192795100000
- d. Property Owner Consent Form
 - i. If the applicant does not own the property where the cultivation will be occurring, a Property Owner Consent Form must be completed and submitted.
 - Link to the County's Property Owner Consent Form: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60402/6

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- e. State Business Formation Documents
 - i. If the applicant is not a sole proprietor, submittal of the Business Formation Documents will be required.
 - Link to the California Secretary of State's Business Entities Online Services and Resources:

https://www.sos.ca.gov/business-programs/business-entities

- f. State License (DCC)
 - i. In addition to the local area licensing (Mendocino County), the applicant will require state licensing through the Department of Cannabis Control.
 - Link to the California Secretary of State's Business Entities Online Services and Resources:

https://cannabis.ca.gov/applicants/license-types/

- g. Sensitive Species Habitat Questionnaire
 - Link to the County's Sensitive Species Habitat Questionnaire:
 https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60404/6
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 - i. Bull Frog Management Plan:
 - If the applicant has a pond on the property where the cultivation will be occurring, a **Bull Frog Management Plan** must be submitted.

For a project with an existing or proposed pond of any kind (on- or offstream, including rainwater catchment), the applicant shall provide a bullfrog monitoring and management plan that describes the implementation of the plan. Projects proposing new ponds, or where a pond has been constructed within the past five years, are subject to referral to CDFW.

- ii. Generator/Machinery Noise Management Plan:
 - If the applicant will be utilizing a generator to support the cultivation operations, a **Generator Noise Plan** must be submitted.

Noise generated on any portion of the project site shall not exceed 50 decibels when measured from 100 feet of the generator or machinery while running. This includes but is not limited to projects using a generator for any purpose, motorized trimming machines, fans, ventilation systems, and other machinery.

The management plan shall include information on containment structures, and a plan demonstrating that the generator or other machinery would not generate, or have the potential to generate, noise exceeding the above limits.

- iii. Artificial Light Management Plan:
 - If the applicant will be using outdoor security lighting, artificial lighting for propagation, and/or artificial lighting for cultivation, an Artificial Light Management Plan must be submitted.

The Artificial Light Management Plan must explain what actions the applicant will take to protect wildlife and comply with the County ordinance. All lights used for the indoor or mixed light cultivation of cannabis shall be fully contained within structures or otherwise shielded to fully contain any light or glare involved in the cultivation process.

For security lighting, explain what steps the applicant has taken to ensure the security lighting will not interfere with nocturnal wildlife.

- iv. Notice of Violations
 - If the applicant has received a notice of violation from a state licensing authority, local agency, or state agency, the **Notice of Violation(s)** must be submitted.

- h. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Notice of Applicability or Notice of Exemption
 - All cultivators must adhere to the state Cannabis General Order (Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ) as such the applicant must submit and receive approval of either a Notice of Applicability or a Notice of Exemption from the SWRCB.
 - Link to the SWRCB's Cannabis Cultivation Water Quality website with resources and information: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/cannabis/cannabis water quality.html
- i. Small Irrigation and Use Registration (SIUR)

Applicant shall provide:

- i. A valid SIUR for each surface water diversion used for cannabis irrigation;
- ii. Proof of application for a SIUR for each surface water diversion used for cannabis irrigation; or
- iii. A letter from the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights (DWR) stating that a SIUR is not required for the project.
 - Link to the SWRCB's Cannabis Cultivation Water Rights website with resources and information:
 https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cannabis/cannabis/cannabis/water-rights.html
- j. Appropriative Water Right
 - If the applicant will be using a water source to irrigate cannabis that has an appropriative water right associated with it, submit documentation that establishes the appropriative water right.
 - Link to the SWRCB's Frequently Asked Questions regarding Water Rights: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/board_info/faqs.html#toc17876
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- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement

Submit a PDF copy of one of the following documents:

- i. A Final Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement;
- ii. A Draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement that has been signed by the applicant and returned to CDFW;
- iii. Written verification by CDFW that a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is not needed; or
- iv. Written verification by CDFW that the applicant submitted a notification, submitted payment of the applicable fees, and is responsive to CDFW.
 - Link to the CDFW's Cannabis Cultivation Permitting website with resources and information:

https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cannabis/Permitting

- I. Will Serve Letter
 - i. if the applicant is connected to a municipal water system or intends to receive delivered water to irrigate cannabis, at any time in the year, then the applicant shall submit a Will Serve Letter from the permitted water hauler or municipal water service district.
- m. Watershed Assessment
 - i. Watershed Assessment. All Permit applications, except for legal parcels located in the Agricultural (A-G) zoning district, shall demonstrate there is adequate water to serve the cultivation site.
 - If surface water (or groundwater influenced by surface water) will be used, applicants may demonstrate that there is adequate water by providing (i) a watershed assessment that establishes there is sufficient watershed supply to serve the proposed cultivation site and existing uses within the watershed, and (ii) a water right exists to serve the cultivation site. A watershed assessment shall consist of an established "In Stream"

Flow Policy" as prepared by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights or an equivalent document approved by that agency.

- If groundwater not influenced by surface water will be used, the applicant
 may demonstrate that there is adequate water by providing a water
 availability analysis which will address the adequacy of the proposed
 water supply, the direct effects on adjacent and surrounding water users,
 and possible cumulative adverse impacts of the development on the
 water supply within the watershed and show there is a sustained yield to
 support the proposed level of use.
- If water will be provided by a mutual water company, municipal or private utility or similar community provider, the applicant may demonstrate that there is adequate water by providing a will serve letter from the proposed provider.

n. Tree Removal Affidavit

- i. If tree removal has or is proposed to occur onsite for the installation or development of cultivation areas or structures, equipment, and or other related materials the applicant must fill out an "Affidavit For Tree Removal For Cannabis Cultivation"
 - Link to the Affidavit For Tree Removal For Cannabis Cultivation: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60410/6
 https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/604
- o. Air Quality Clearance Checklist Form
 - County Staff will review information provided by the applicant on the County's
 "Air Quality Clearance Checklist" and will email the applicant either clearance or
 information on how the applicant can contact MCAQMD directly if any further
 action is needed.
 - Link to the County's Air Quality Clearance Checklist Form:
 https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60390/6
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- p. EnviroStor/Cortese List Review
 - i. Submit a copy of the website results from the EnviroStor Cortese List using the cultivation site address.
 - Link to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor database:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

- q. Pond Permit
 - i. A Pond Permit is required when used for cannabis irrigation, as follows:
 - If the applicant indicates there is an existing pond, used for the purpose of cannabis irrigation, then there is no need to submit a pond permit.
 - However, if the applicant indicates a proposed pond, newly-constructed pond, or changes or upgrades to a pond, then the applicant shall submit proof of an issued pond permit. For instances when proof of the pond permit is not available, then the applicant shall provide the assessor's parcel record that indicates the approximate date of pond installation.
- r. Well Permit
 - i. A Well Permit is required when used for cannabis irrigation, as follows:
 - If the applicant indicates there is an existing well, used for the purpose of cannabis irrigation, then there is no need to submit a well permit.
 - However, if the applicant indicates a proposed well, newly-constructed well, or changes or upgrades to a well, then the applicant shall provide proof of an issued well permit. For instances when proof of the well permit is not available, then the applicant shall provide the assessor's parcel record that indicates the approximate date of well installation.
- s. Septic System Permit
 - i. A Septic System Permit is required when an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) is used for supporting cannabis operations employees.

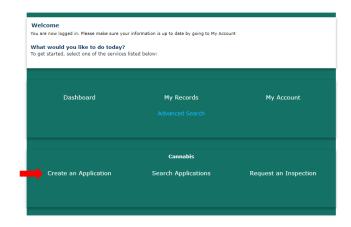
ii. If the applicant indicates there is an existing OWTS, then the applicant shall provide proof of an issued Septic System Permit. t. Grading Permit i. If grading has occurred, or is proposed as part of the proposed project, please consult with the Building Department to determine if a permit is required. *Please Note: The application process may take more than one hour. At any time while filling out the application, you can stop and save your progress by clicking on Save and resume later located in the bottom left of your screen. To begin a Commercial Cannabis Business License Application, navigate to https://aca-pull-ntmoses-business-License-Application, navigate to <a href="https://aca-pull-ntmoses-business-https://aca-pull-ntmose-business-https://aca-pull-ntmoseprod.accela.com/MENDOCINO/Default.aspx. 1. Enter the User Name or E-Mail and your Password that you used when you created your account, and Sign In then click Sign In 2. You will be taken to your DASHBOARD "Dashboard." Click on MY ACCOUNT SEARCH SIGN UP LOG OUT REPORTS HOME Hello, [There are no items in your You do not have any collections shopping cart right now. right now.

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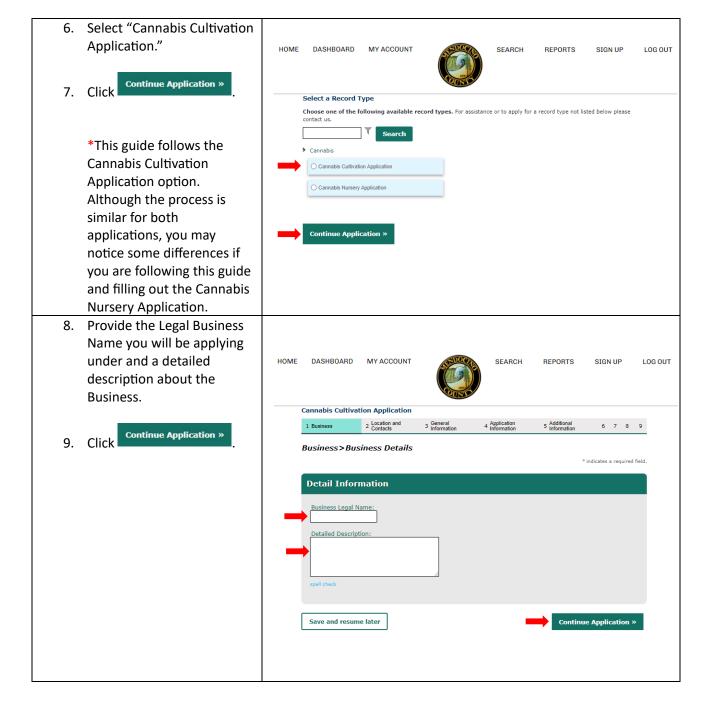
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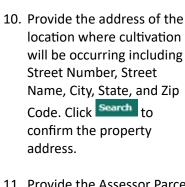
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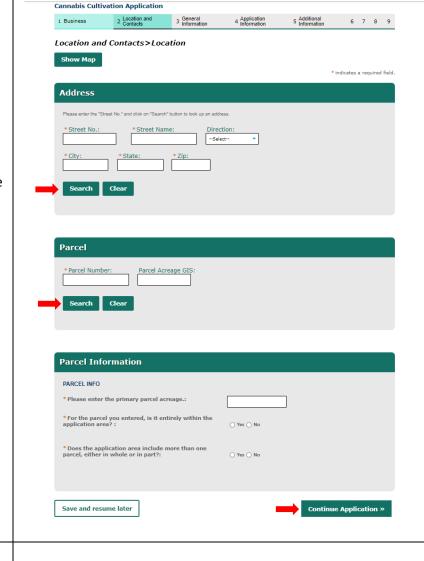






- 11. Provide the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) and click

 Search. This will look up your parcel and provide the parcel acreage amount in the box to the right.
- 12. Click Continue Application »



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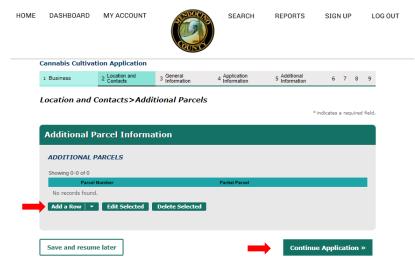
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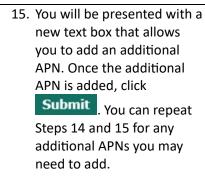
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If your cultivation area resides on more than one APN, please follow Steps 14 through 17.

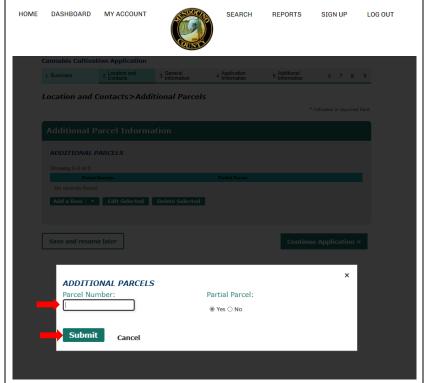
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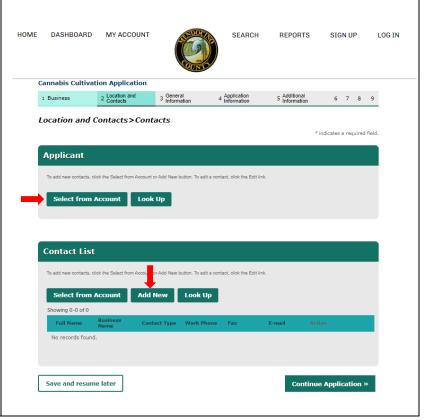


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- 17. If you are the Applicant, applying from your Accela Citizens Account (ACA), click

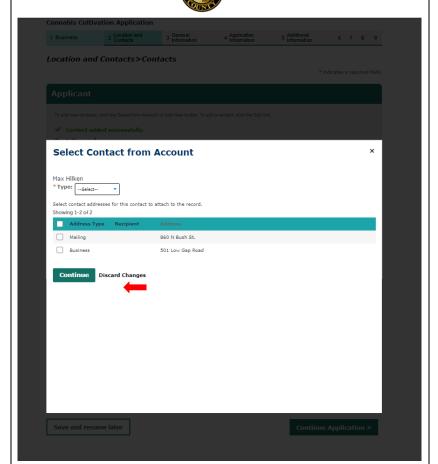
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- 18. If an additional Applicant is to be included, click
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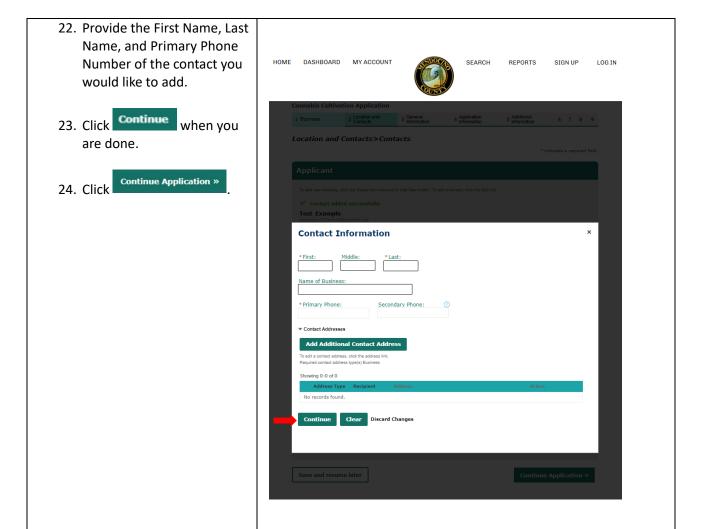
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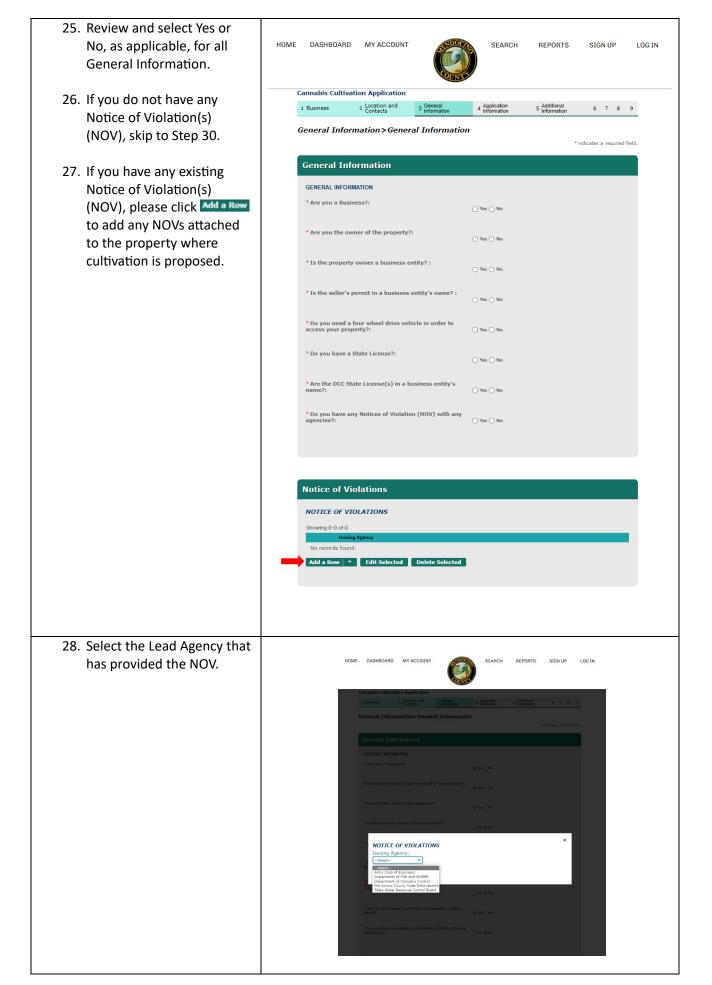


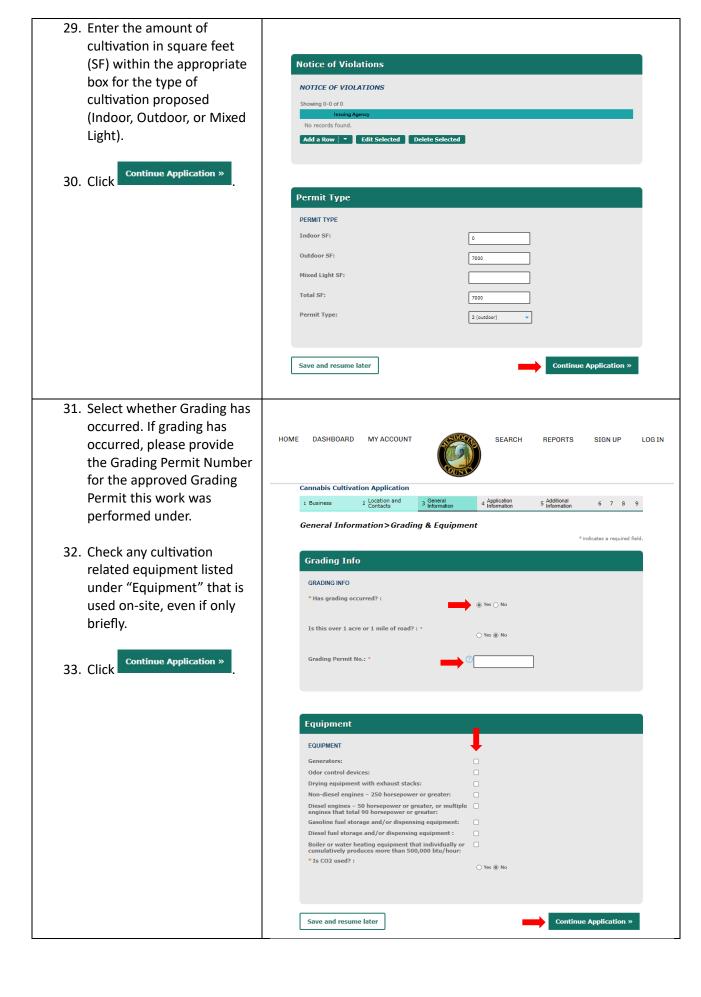


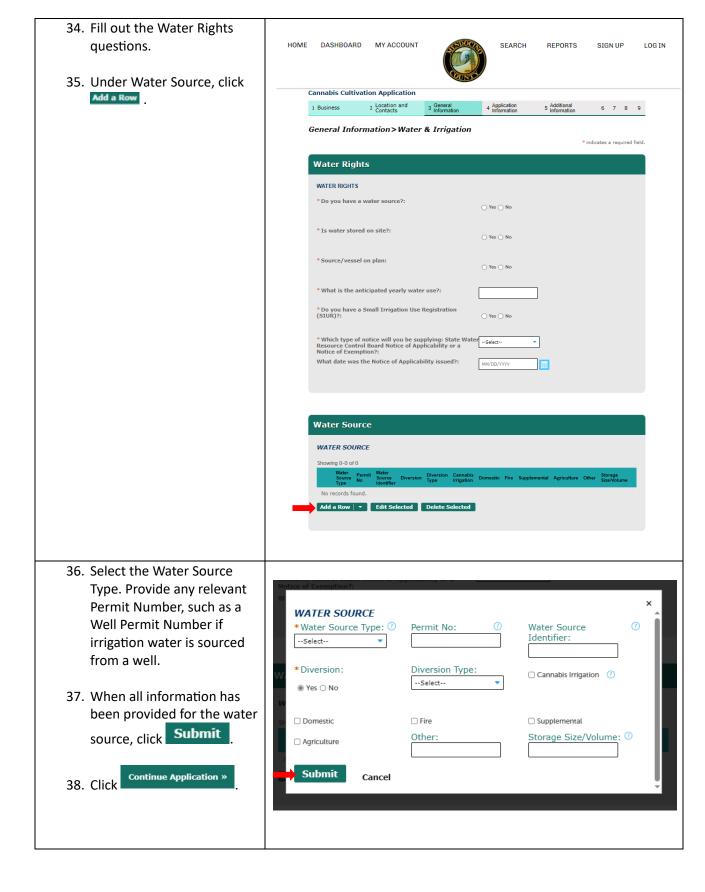
21. Select the appropriate contact type you are adding: "Authorized Agent", "Business Contact", "Property Owner", or "Tenant."

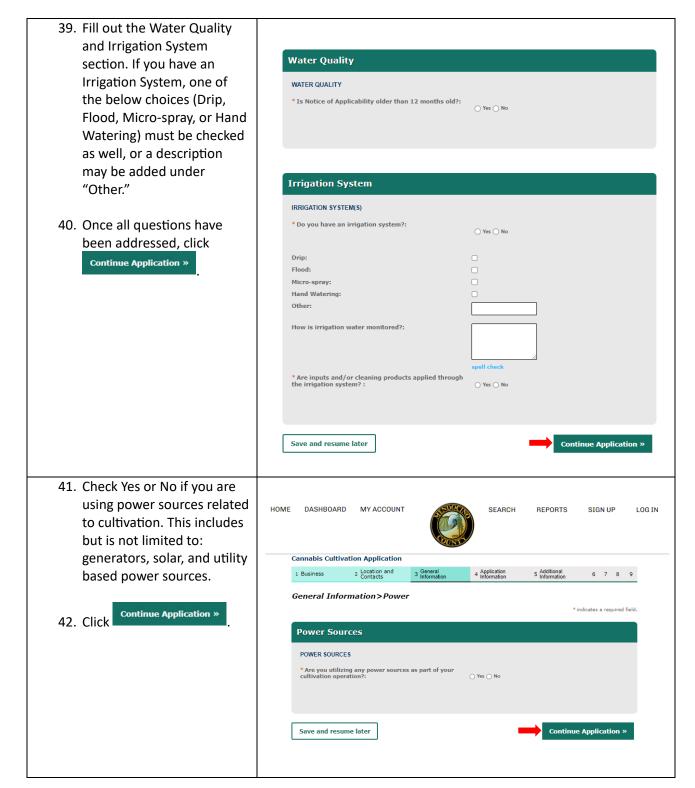


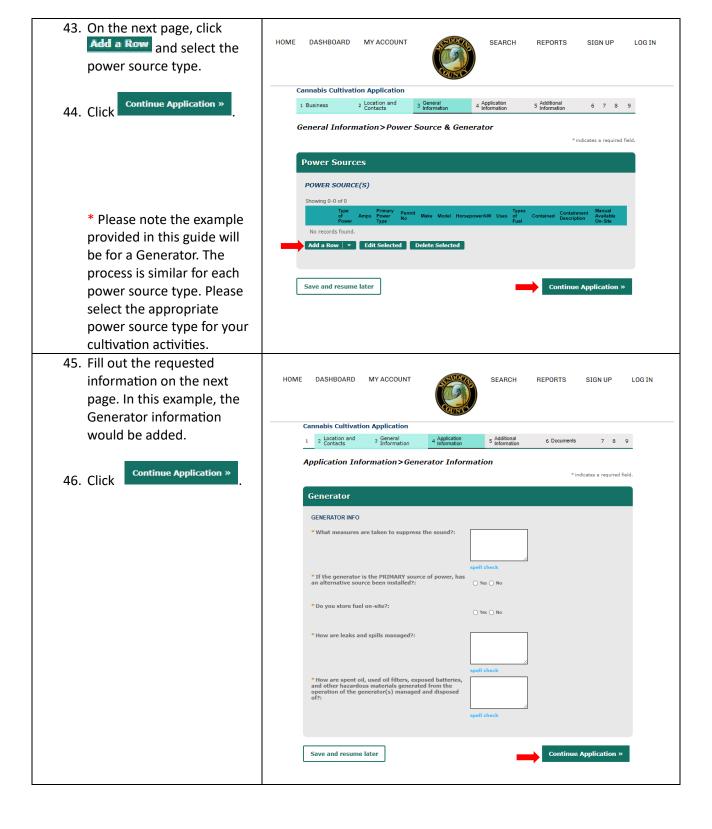




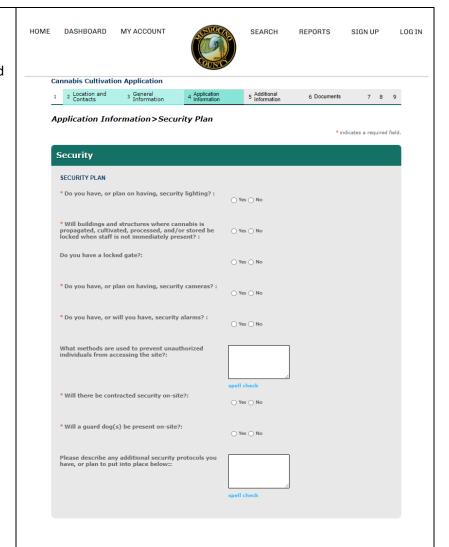






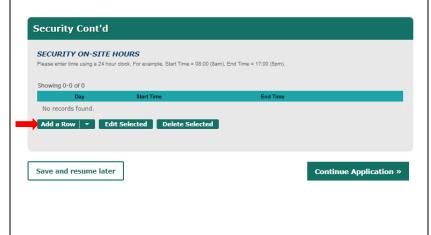


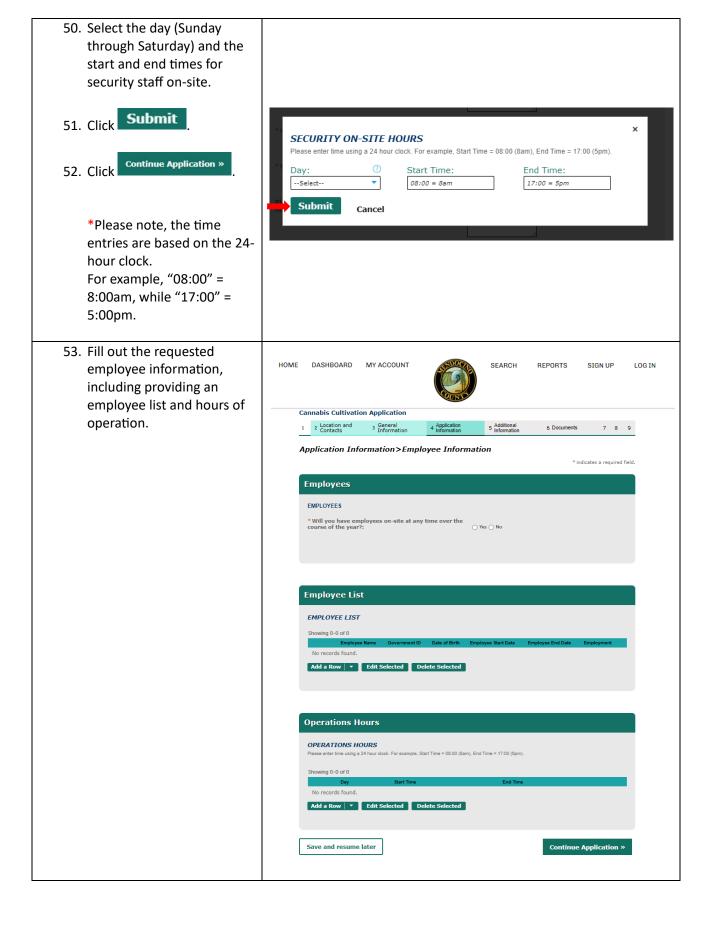
47. Fill out each Yes or No under Security Plan and provide details on prevention of unauthorized access to the site, and any additional security protocols not included in one of the previous Yes or No options.



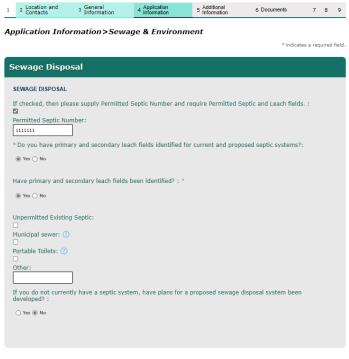
- 48. Provide a range of hours for each day when security staff may be on-site.
- 49. Click Add a Row to enter the time range for a day.

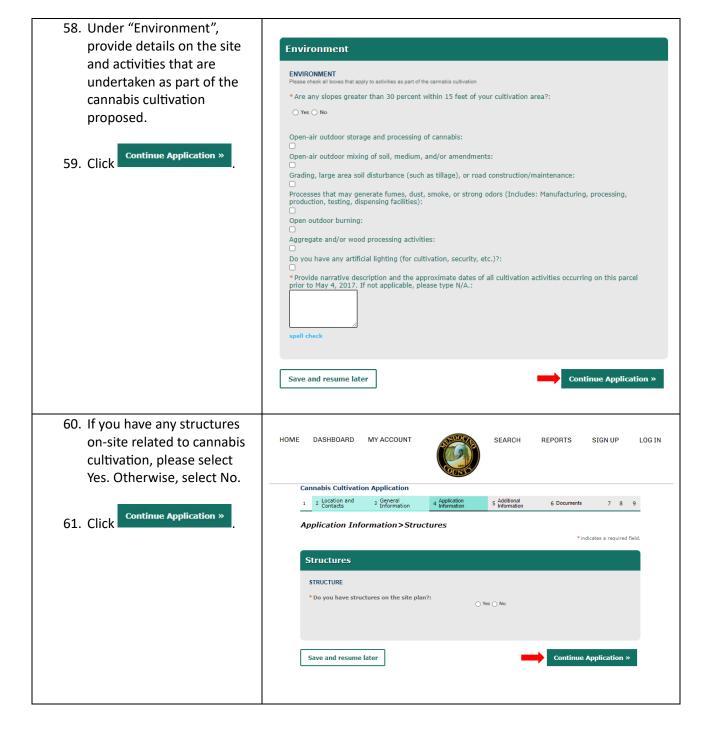
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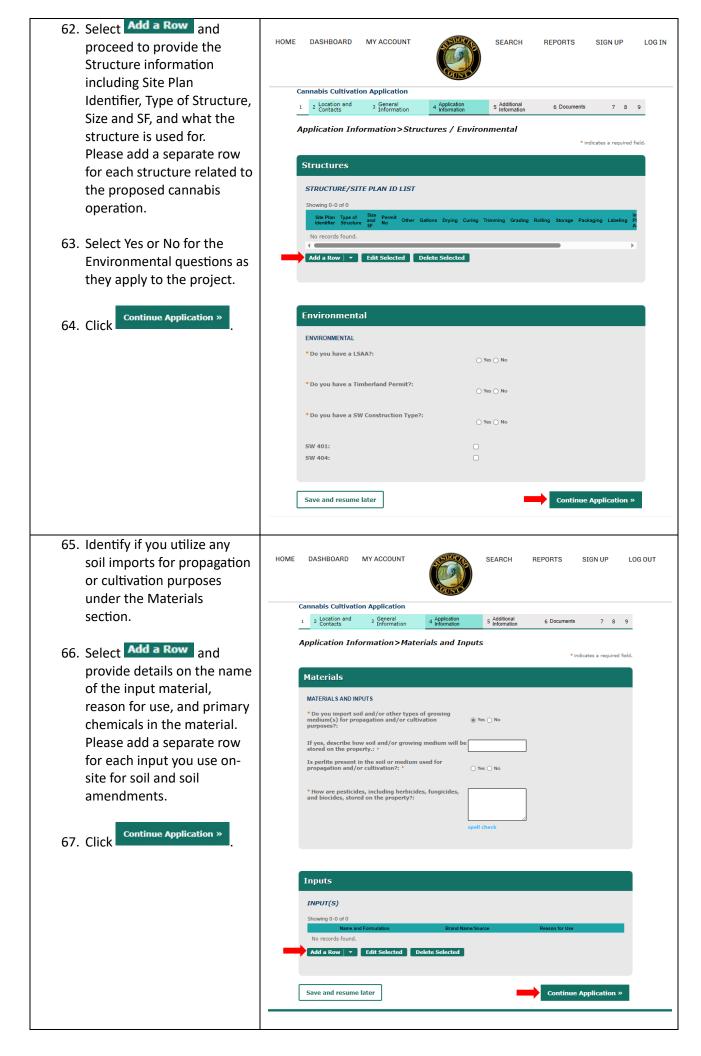


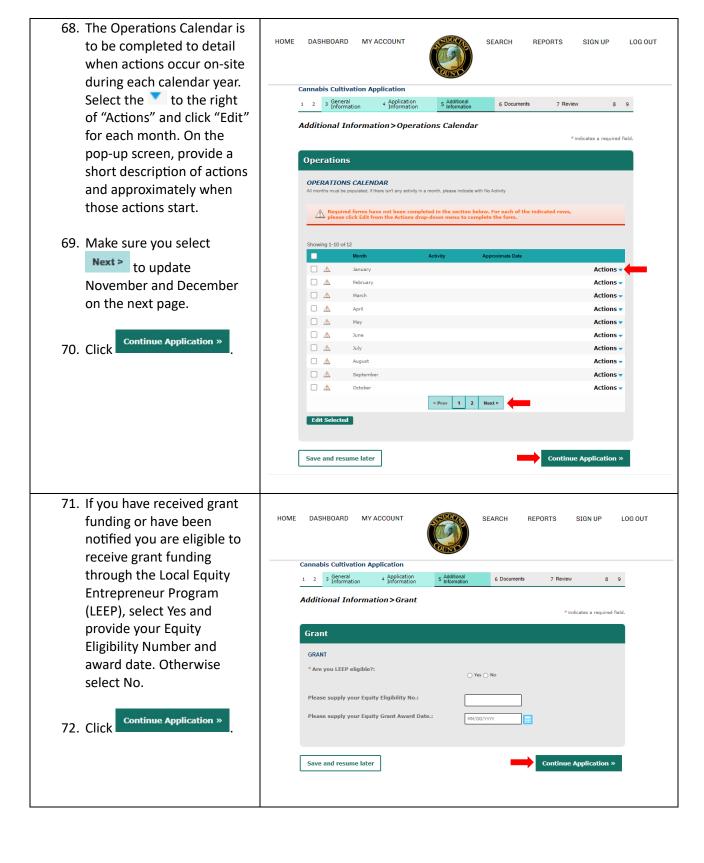


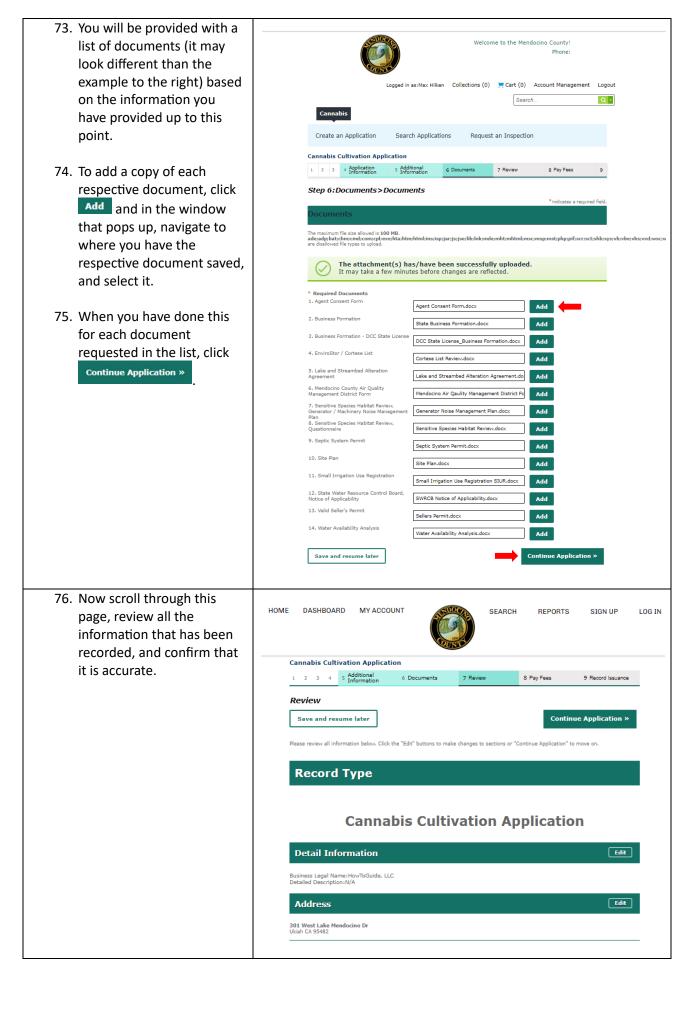
54. If you selected Yes to having employees, the following questions will populate to be completed. How many employees will you have full time?: * How many employees will you have seasonal/temporary during peak staffing times (such as planting, harvest, and/or processing)?: * 55. When entering the Operations Hours, click the OPERATIONS HOURS and select "add 7 Please enter time using a 24 hour clock. For example, Start Time = 08:00 (8am), End Time = 17:00 (5pm). rows" to be able to *Start Time: *Day: *End Time: • populate all 7 days of the --Select--08:00 = 8am 17:00 = 5pm week at once, then click (?) Day: *Start Time: *End Time: Submit 08:00 = 8am 17:00 = 5pm -Select--Please note that time entries are based on the 24-? *Start Time: *End Time: *Dav: --Select--08:00 = 8am 17:00 = 5pm hour clock. *Day: *Start Time: *End Time: Continue Application » 08:00 = 8am 17:00 = 5pm 56. Click --Select--*Day: *Start Time: *End Time: • 08:00 = 8am 17:00 = 5pm -Select-**Submit** Cancel 57. If you previously indicated an onsite wastewater HOME DASHBOARD MY ACCOUNT SEARCH REPORTS SIGN UP LOG IN treatment system (OWTS) exists, please provide the Cannabis Cultivation Application Sewage Disposal 1 2 Location and Contacts 5 Additional Information 3 General Information 6 Documents information requested. Application Information>Sewage & Environment Otherwise, continue to Step * indicates a required field. 58. Sewage Disposal SEWAGE DISPOSAL $If\ checked,\ then\ please\ supply\ Permitted\ Septic\ Number\ and\ require\ Permitted\ Septic\ and\ Leach\ fields.:$ Permitted Septic Number:

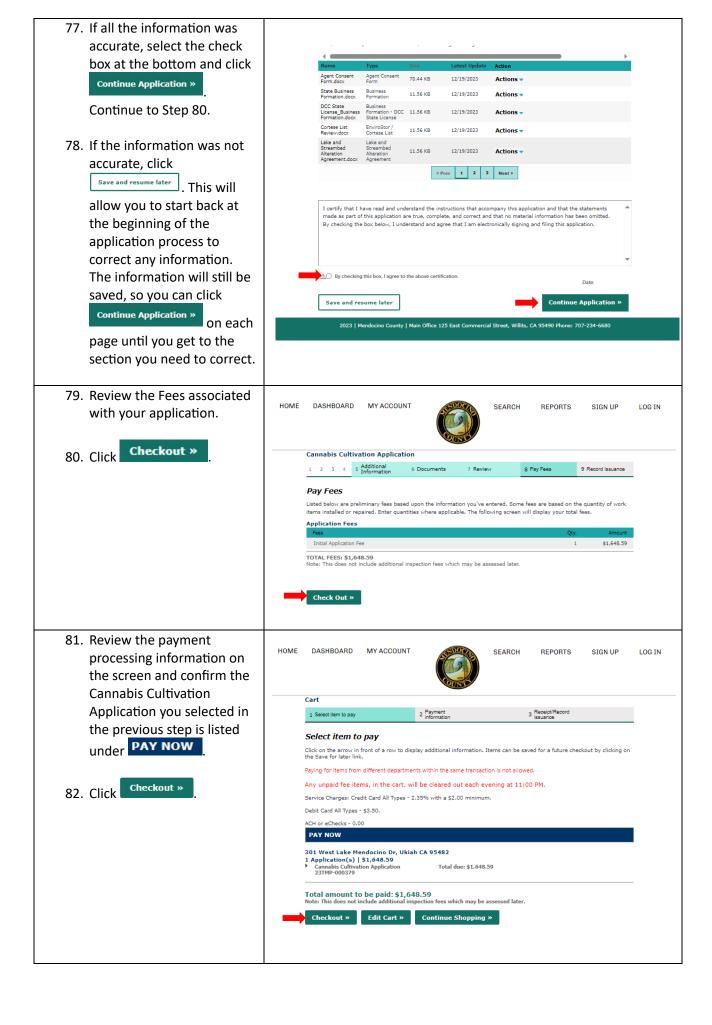








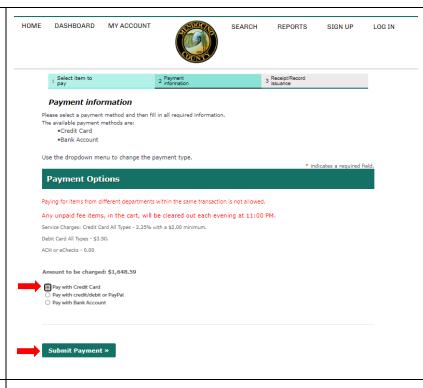




83. Select one of the two payment options listed here: "Pay with Credit Card" or "Pay with Bank Account." Once you have selected your preferred payment method, click

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*"Pay with credit/debit or PayPal" does not work at this time. Please use one of the other two options.



ed, click the Continue button and you will be asked to review the information for accuracy before your payment is processed

If your balance is less than a dollar, minus the convenience fee please contact the Mendocino County Cannabis Department at 707-234-6680 to make a payment.

- 84. You will be taken to a payment processing screen that should look like the one to the right.
- 85. Ensure that the Cannabis Permit Application is listed under "My Bills."
- 86. Enter your billing address registered with your Credit or Debit Card under "Cardholder Information."
- 87. Select the Payment Option and enter the information on your Credit or Debit Card including Card Number, Expiration Date, and the CVV (often a threedigit number found on the back of your card).

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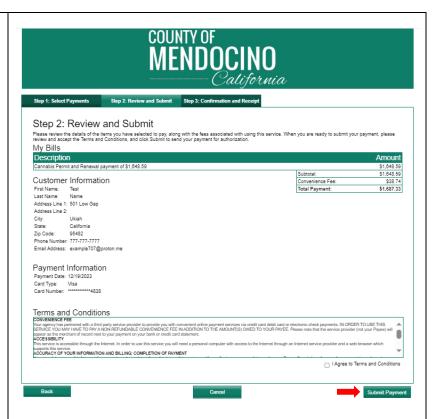
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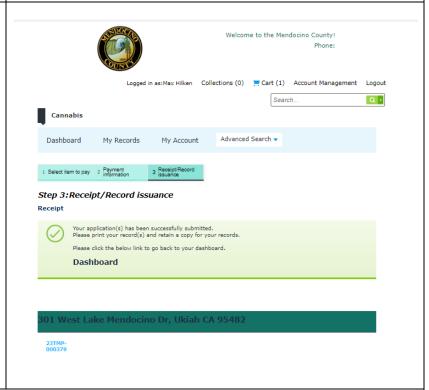
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89. Please review the information you have provided then click

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90. You have now paid the fees associated with your Cannabis Cultivation Application!



- 91. A receipt of this transaction will appear in your email (the email address associated with your ACA portal account and Cannabis Application).
- 92. Your application has now been submitted for review by the Mendocino County Planning Department.