

# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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Cloverdale Rancheria Redwood Valley Rancheria Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Little Lake Fire District

CASE#: AP\_2024-0021 DATE FILED: 6/20/2024 OWNER: BRIAN A SHUSTER

**APPLICANT:** Happy Green Gardens LLC

**AGENT:** Stephanie Lovell

**REQUEST:** Administrative Permit for a cannabis processing facility.

LOCATION: 3.25± miles southeast of Willits city center, on a private drive off the west side of East Side Road

(CR 304), south of its intersection with East Hill Road, located at 21100 East Side Rd, Willits.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 3

**STAFF PLANNER:** ROB FITZSIMMONS **RESPONSE DUE DATE:** August 09, 2024

#### PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mendocinocounty.org

Select "Government" from the drop-down; then locate Planning and Building Services/Public Agency Referrals.

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to <a href="mailto:pbs@mendocinocounty.org">pbs@mendocinocounty.org</a>. Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):						
☐ No comment at this time.						
Recommend conditional approval (attached).						
Applicant to submit additional information (attach items needed, or contact the applicant directly, copying Planning and Building Services in any correspondence you may have with the applicant)						
☐ Recommend denial (Attach reaso	ons for recommending denial).					
☐ Recommend preparation of an E	nvironmental Impact Report (at	tach reasons why an EIR should be required).				
Other comments (attach as neces	ssary).					
REVIEWED BY:						
Signature	Department	Date				

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**APNs:** 104-240-19

PARCEL SIZE: 49.3 acres

GENERAL PLAN: Range Lands/Agricultural Lands

**ZONING:** Rangeland

**EXISTING USES:** Commercial Cannabis Cultivation

**DISTRICT:** 3, Haschak

	<b>ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN</b>	<b>ADJACENT ZONING</b>	<b>ADJACENT LOT SIZES</b>	<b>ADJACENT USES</b>
NORTH:	AG/RL	RL	146.3± ac	Residential
EAST:	AG/RL	RL	30.1± ac	Agricultural
SOUTH:	RL	RL	9.1± ac	Residential
WEST:	RL	RL	40±, 80± ac	Residential

### **REFERRAL AGENCIES**

#### LOCAL

☑ Building Division☑ Department of Transportation (DOT)

⊠ Environmental Health (EH)

☑ Little Lake FPD

☑ Mendocino Cannabis Department

**STATE** 

☑ CALFIRE (Land Use)

☑ CalTrans

□ California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

#### TRIBAL

☑ Redwood Valley Rancheria

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The applicant has an existing cannabis cultivation onsite (Cannabis Cultivation Business Licenses CAN-C-2017-0099 and CAN-N-2018-0400) and proposes using an existing metal building as a cannabis processing facility where cannabis cultivated both on- and offsite will be dried, trimmed, graded, and otherwise processed. Note that processing of cannabis grown onsite would be accessory to the existing cultivation; the Administrative Permit is only required for processing of cannabis grown offsite.

The structure proposed as a cannabis processing facility was constructed in 2019 under Building Permit BU\_2019-1232 (commercial), and is 90 feet from the west property line.

The applicant has also submitted applications for a pair of Cannabis Facilities Business Licenses, CFBL\_2024-0014 and CFBL\_2024-0015, for processing and self-distribution, respectively. An earlier cannabis processing application, CFBL\_2020-0009, is also on file - CFBL\_2024-0014 appears to be redundant.

Located in an area with soils with naturally occurring asbestos.

STAFF PLANNER: ROB FITZSIMMONS DATE: 7/26/2024

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DATA**

1. MAC:

NO

2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:

CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS

Moderate

3. FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:

State Responsibility Area

4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:

**Grazing Land** 

5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

NO

6. COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA:

N/A

7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:

182 – Pinole very gravelly loam, 2-15% slopes

224 – Yokayo-Pinole-Pinnobie complex, 0-15% slopes

8. PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL:

LCP maps, Pygmy Soils Maps; GIS

NO

9. WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT:

GIS/Mendocino County Assessor's Office

NO

10. TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONE:

NO

11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:

NO

12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE:

Earthquake Fault Zone Maps; GIS

13. AIRPORT LAND USE PLANNING AREA:

Airport Land Use Plan; GIS

NO

14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:

NO

**15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:** 

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Rarefind Database/GIS

No

16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:

NO

**17. LANDSLIDE HAZARD:** 

Hazards and Landslides Map; GIS; Policy RM-61; General Plan 4-44

18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:

Policy RM-7; General Plan 4-34

YES

19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER:

www.rivers.gov (Eel Only); GIS

NO

20. SPECIFIC PLAN/SPECIAL PLAN AREA:

Various Adopted Specific Plan Areas; GIS

21. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIRED:

NO

22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:

YES

23. HARBOR DISTRICT:

NO



# Department of Planning and Building Services

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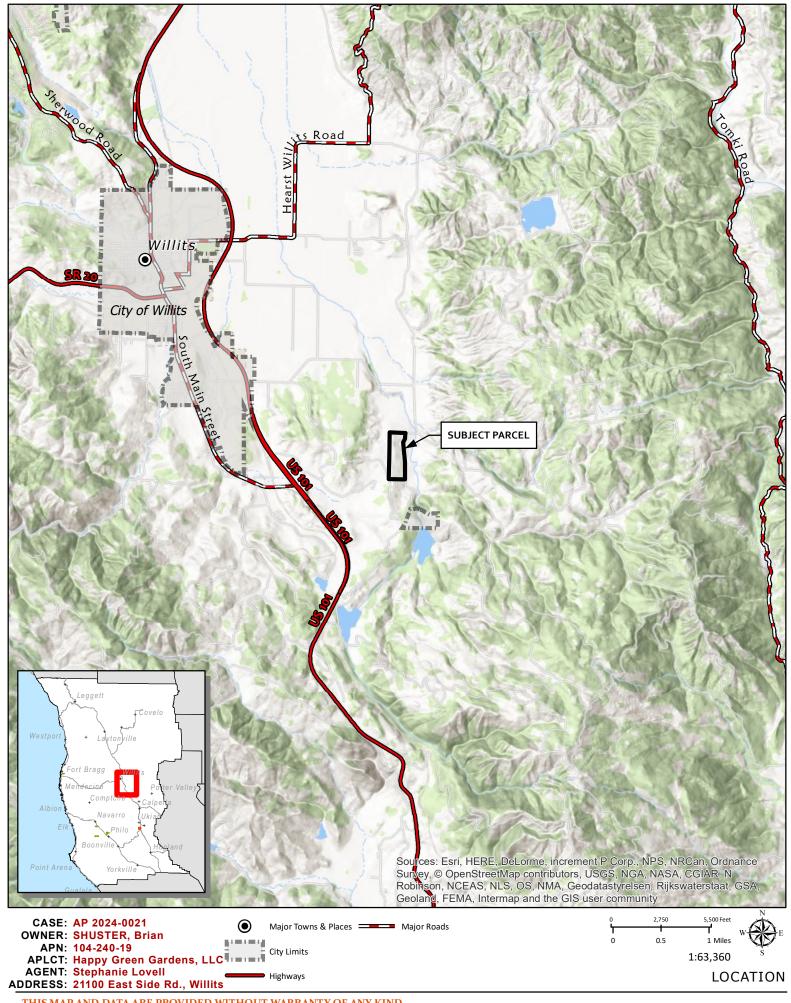
Created 10/17/17 Share 1/2 Current Planning/Cannabis Property Profile/3 Forms & Templates/ Application for Cannabis Facilities

# **FACILITY PROJECT DESCRIPTION & QUESTIONNAIRE**

<ul> <li>1,000 feet from all youth-oriented facilities, schools, parks, churches, or residential treatment facilities.</li> </ul>
2. Please describe the project in full.
The project will utilize an existing 4,500 square foot slab on grade metal building. Fresh and dry cannabis material will be
brought in from off site and from onsite cultivation operations for Drying, trimming and general processing, sorting and
grading. A small fleet of vehicles (1-4) will be utilized to transport cannabis material to and from the site. The project
will be operated primarily during the growing season April-November. Hours of operation and staffing will also be seasona
and have periods of lower and parttime activity. At peak there could be as many as 10 employees on site
B. Please describe the project site. Include improvements such as structures, wells, septic systems, grading, vegetation removal, roads, etc. Including the metal building there are many cultivation and storage buildings on site. Multiple commercial greenhouses,
storage containers and small outbuildings including a single family residence. The property and project site is
well maintained and graded with graveled driveways. There are two septic systems, one for the existing residence and a
separate system for the proposed project structure and future additional residence.
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If YES, please describe the phases below. Include an attachment (Attachment A) if necessary.
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9. How ma	any parking spaces	will be on provide	d on-site?6	How many accessible pa	arking spaces?1_	
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TOP PROGRAMMY
*FOR PROCESSING* P01. How will natural (trimmings) or other (plastics) materials be disposed?
All waste streams from cannabis processing will be sorted and all "Green Waste" will be either composted on
site or hauled to a local transfer station by a commercial waste hander. Remaining waste will be recycled or off hauled
P02. What equipment (i.e. machines [specify], trimmers, hangers, etc) will be used for processing?
No mechanized means of processing will be used. All processing will be by hand using garden/pruning shears.
All Drying/Curing will utilize simple wood and metal screens and racks under 6' tall and
or temporary dry lines made of high strength braided synthetic cord and or metal wire attached to those same racks
*FOR MANUFACTURING* M01. What solvents will be used? ————————————————————————————————————
M02. Will hazardous materials (as defined by Mendocino County Code [MCC] Section 8.70.010) be used? ☐ YES ☐ NO M03. Will hazardous materials be stored in quantities greater than 55 gallons, 500 pounds, or 200 cubic feet?
NO YES; please specify
M04. Will hazardous waste (as defined by MCC section 8.70.010) be generated on-site?   YES NO
M05. Please describe the extraction process. Provide an additional sheet if necessary.
M06. What products are being made? (i.e. edibles, topicals, tinctures, soap/skin products, etc)
M07. How will hazardous (chemicals), natural (trimmings), or other (plastics) materials be disposed?
*FOR RETAIL/DISPENSARY* R01. Will there be consumption of cannabis products on-site?
R02. Will the facility have a mobile delivery component?   YES NO If YES, number of vehicles to be used?
*FOR DISTRIBUTION*
D01. How many vehicles will operate from this facility?
*FOR MICROBUSINESS* B01. What is the primary use of the microbusiness (i.e. retail, processing, etc)?
B02. What are the accessory uses that are incidental to the primary use?
I, the undersigned below, certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate:
Stephanie Lovell Brian Shuster
Print Name of Applicant/Agent Date  Print Name of Owner Date  7-8-24
Signature of Applicant/Agent Signature of Owner



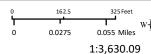




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**Public Roads** 

APN: 104-240-19
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ADDRESS: 21100 East Side Rd., Willits --- Driveways/Unnamed Roads



**AERIAL IMAGERY** 

