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INFORMAL AGENCY CONSULTATION NOTICE

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Applicant/Owner: Emerald Tree, LLC (Kevin McNerney)

File No.: Use Permit #2020-008, Initial Study #2020-004, Emerald Tree, LLC

Project: Proposal to construct and operate a 12,000-square-foot agricultural processing facility to extract CBD (cannabidiol) or CBG (cannabigerol) from industrial hemp grown on the property, along with a 1,000-square-foot bottling and shipping facility and gravel parking area. Production of hemp would be limited to 300 acres on-site; byproducts created during the extraction process would be used for fertilizer. The project would employ 30 people who would work a split shift between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The subject parcel is zoned A-3 (Agricultural District) and has an "Intensive Agriculture" land use designation per the *Janesville Planning Area, 1993* and *Lassen County General Plan, 2000*.

Location: The subject parcel is located approximately 14 miles south of Susanville at 460-880 Lakecrest Road, Janesville, CA 96114.

A.P.N.s: 129-620-046

Staff Contact: Stefano Richichi, Senior Planner

The project described above is being referred to your agency for early consultation to obtain comments concerning potentially significant impacts which could result from project approval and development. The information provided by your agency will assist Lassen County in determining whether a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report should be prepared as the appropriate environmental document for the project.

Please find attached with this letter a vicinity map that depicts the general location of the project. The the use permit application, initial study application, a plot plan, and other supporting material are available through this Department upon request, as well as at the following link:

<http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/planning-and-building-services/environmental-documents-noticing-and-attachments> (on the Department of Planning and Building Services portion of the Lassen County website, under "Environmental Documents, Noticing and Attachments").

Comments submitted by your agency should focus on the potentially significant project-related impacts that are within your agency's jurisdiction and area of expertise. In addition to commenting on

the significance of potential impacts, you are encouraged to suggest any known mitigation measures which would reduce such impacts to a less than significant level. You are also encouraged to make recommendations regarding any additional studies or other information that may be needed to accurately determine the significance of project impacts and/or appropriate mitigation measures. Please be advised that some information related to this project may be a "trade secret" per Government Code Section 6254.7, Public Resources Code Section 21160, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15120(d), and may not be disclosable (and thus is not included in this consultation request).

In order to ensure that your comments are considered prior to determining whether a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report is required for this project, your comments will need to be received by this office no later than Friday, July 30, 2021.

If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact Stefano Richichi, Senior Planner, at (530) 251-8269 or at srichichi@co.lassen.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Maurice L. Anderson,
Environmental Review Officer

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Enclosures: Vicinity Map

Distribution: Supervisor Hemphill (3); Emerald Tree, LLC (Property Owner); Co. Clerk; Co. Assessor's Office; Co. Building Official; Co. Fire Warden/CAL FIRE; Co. Environmental Health Dept.; Co. Public Works; Co. Public Works/Road Div.; Co. Public Works/Transportation; Sheriff; Lahontan RWQCB; Dept. of Water Resources (DWR); Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (Redding/Wendel); Dept. of Toxic Substances Control; Caltrans, District 2; State Clearinghouse; NCRS; Pit River Tribe of California; Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians; Susanville Indian Rancheria; Honey Lake Maidu; Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California; Native American Heritage Commission; AB 52 File Letter; Janesville Fire Protection District; Co. Air Pollution Control Officer; Janesville Elementary School; Lassen Community College; Lassen Union High School District; Plumas-Sierra REC; CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture; CA Bureau of Cannabis Control

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