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**To:** ["Jan Vazquez"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Design Review 6/3/21; 800 Yolanda  
**Date:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:18:00 PM

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email comments. Your comments will be shared with the Design Review Board as Late Correspondence and summarized for the public record during the staff presentation.

Best,

Andrew

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Hello Andrew and members of the Review Board,

I am the owner of the last house on Summercreek Drive abutting the southwest corner of the subject property. I have two comments:

A line of coast live oaks is proposed along the southerly rear line of the property to provide evergreen screening to existing homes and homes that will some day be developed. Coast live oaks are notorious for getting sudden oak death syndrome. I request the Board require another specie of evergreen tree.

The lighting for the parking lot along the southern perimeter is on 15' poles - well above the 8' masonry wall to be built on the property line separating the residential neighborhood from the subject. Although the lighting would be pointed down, the effect will be like a flashlight pointed down: always catching the eye, always a source of light especially at the second floor of the houses. I would like the Board to direct the applicant to find a lighting solution closer to the ground.

Jan Vazquez  
Owner, 2431 Summercreek Dr.

**From:** [Trippel, Andrew](#)  
**To:** [linda metesh](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] 800 yolanda  
**Date:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 7:16:00 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 800 yolanda

Hi Andrew...

In review of the design plan submitted I have a few items for the design board to consider.

The Santa Rosa Farm Group responded to the neighborhood concerns in 2017, proposing the following changes to the site and design.

1) Original plan was 55' high and 30' setback, Proposed plan offered 50' high and 70' setback. The setback was modified but the height remains at 55'.

2) Applicant proposed a industrial **farmstyle** building.

No changes to farmstyle. Would like further review to reflect section 3.4 !!! of design guidelines. FYI...this was also noted by concept design review on 5/14/17

In addition, the applicant offered the following-

1) Exterior noise from cars entering and leaving the site was to be mitigated by only using the south parking during daytime hours.  
How do residents ensure this is controlled?

2) Downward focused exterior lighting for security, minimizing lighting glare to neighbors. Attachment 6 mentions floodlights on each corner of the building. The SW corner is near residents.

3) The water tower feature was to be maintained/reconstructed (attachment 6) pending future development.

Final question/thoughts...

What is the height and design of the "single story" utility building proposed?

Would it be possible to relocate it and save the cluster of trees in that area?

Thanks for passing my concerns on to the board

Linda Metesh

Harvest Homeowner

**From:** [Trippel, Andrew](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Cannabis Cultivation Facility at 800 Yolanda Ave  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:40:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Attachment 6 - Project Description.pdf](#)  
[12052 - signed.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Preliminary Design Review of the Santa Rosa Farm Group Cannabis Facility proposed for 800 Yolanda Avenue in Santa Rosa is scheduled before the Design Review Board on Thursday – June 3 at or after 4:30 PM. In accordance with Zoning Code [Section 20-52.030 \(A\)](#), this review will consider the design aspects of proposed development (for example, building design, landscaping, and site planning and development), in compliance with the City's Design Guidelines. The Design Review Board does not consider land use or operations; those were already approved by the Planning Commission on April 8, 2021 (Resolution No. 12052). I've attached copies of the project description reviewed by Planning Commission and of the approved Conditional Use Permit for the Cannabis facility's land uses.

Landscaping proposed for the Santa Rosa Farm Group Cannabis Facility is required to comply with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) which supports planting of drought-tolerant, low-water plants. Additionally, the Cannabis Facility will utilize a water reclamation system in order to recapture and reconstitute usable water. This system will reclaim up to 90% of the water used. The Santa Rosa Farm Group will also install water-saving toilets and sinks for employee use. The project description more fully describes their water-saving strategies.

Additionally, as the City continues to address current water conditions, it has identified some regulations and considerations that are applicable to the current water situation.

- Drought and water supply shortages have occurred regularly throughout California's history. Santa Rosa has a plan in place to address short-term effects of the drought, which are incorporated into our long-term water supply planning efforts.
- Prudent and cost-effective long-term planning for water supply, means that occurrences of single and multiple dry years do not automatically mean water supply capacity is limited for planned development. However, all customers are being asked to conserve due to the potentially historic dry period we are facing.
- New development is required to be extremely water efficient, complying with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and the CALGreen building code which requires new development to be 20% more water efficient than existing development.
- The City's Landscaping Standards contained in Zoning Code Chapter 20-34 encourage optimum use of drought-tolerant plant materials with water-conserving automatic irrigation systems. All new residential and commercial development is required to comply with current Landscaping Standards.
- The Climate Action Plan is currently being updated and will include a vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan to further our understanding of sustained drought and develop

policies/mitigations, including an analysis of how the impacts may disproportionately impact our vulnerable populations.

- To determine the water supply needs of the City's 2035 General Plan, the Water Department calculated water demand and water supply projections. The current projections are included in the [City's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan](#) and will be updated as part of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. The demand projections use a robust model that incorporates historical water use, population projections, employment projections, plumbing code and future conservation savings to project future water demand.
- Santa Rosa Water has been a central participant in the 2050 General Plan Update that is currently under development. Water supply development is a critical piece to ensuring sustainable long-range housing and business development needs for the health of our community.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions about the Design Review process or about the City's management of the water shortage.

Best,

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cannabis Cultivation Facility at 800 Yolanda Ave

I believe it would be irresponsible to authorize this facility now or at any time. It is certainly not essential, and the water use is excessive.

Michael N. Brayer

**Project Description**  
The Santa Rosa Farm Group  
Cannabis Cultivation Facility  
800 Yolanda Ave.

Application for Use Permit: Medical Cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, distribution and lab testing.

Owner: 800 Yolanda, LLC  
Applicant: The Santa Rosa Farm Group  
Address: 800 Yolanda Ave., Santa Rosa, CA  
APN: 044-091-063  
Zoning: IL  
General Plan: Light Industry  
Existing Building Size: 1,105 square feet  
Lot Size: 5.53 acres

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Santa Rosa Farm Group (Applicant) proposes to redevelop an industrially-zoned parcel with an approximately 117,000 square-foot cannabis cultivation facility. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the project will analyze the facility as a maximum of 120,000 square feet to provide design flexibility, if needed. The project will include cannabis support uses, including manufacturing, distribution, and lab testing. A proposed single story with mezzanine utility building, approximately 3,200 square feet in area, will be constructed on the central portion of the Project site, northeast of the main building. The project also proposes removal of the existing residential building on the project site. The project site is located at the southwest corner of Yolanda Avenue and Petaluma Hill Road. The eastern half of the parcel is undeveloped except for an access route from Petaluma Hill Road. The western half of the parcel includes the developed residence and ancillary buildings, as well as roughly 3 acres of gravel paving. The project is limited to disturbed areas and does not propose developing any of the currently undeveloped areas.

**ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS**

The project will require conditional use permits for cannabis cultivation and the related support uses, including manufacturing level 2 (volatile) and level 1(non-volatile), distribution, and lab testing, and design review approval for the proposed new buildings. The Applicant is concurrently submitting signed applications for the conditional use permits, design review, and an environmental assessment, along with supporting application materials. Approval of the entitlements shall in no way permit any activity which violates Santa Rosa or State of California regulations.

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*By Andrew Trippel at 5:32 pm, Mar 23, 2021*

### PROJECT PLANS AND DRAWINGS

The following plans and drawings for the project are included with this submittal:

- Site Plan
- Proposed Elevation Drawings
- Floor Plan
- Neighborhood Context Map
- Vicinity Map with North Arrow

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING and COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Because the project site is located within 300 feet of residential uses, the City sponsored a neighborhood meeting for the project. On April 17, 2017 the City sent notification letters to owners and occupants of residences within a 300-foot radius of the project site. On May 3, 2017, the neighborhood meeting was held, and several dozen neighbors attended. As a result of community input from this meeting, the applicant adjusted several design elements, including moving the main building on the central-western portion of the project site to accommodate a 70-foot setback from the southern project site.

A second, catered community meeting was hosted at the site by Santa Rosa Farm Group on August 16th to further discuss the project, design revisions, and neighbor concerns. The applicant, design, architectural, legal and public relations team were present to answer neighbor concerns.

The applicant has been meeting with neighborhood representatives to discuss developing a community garden along Yolanda Ave. in order to support community development and respond to neighborhood concerns.

Additionally, the applicant has agreed to maintain the water tower's presence on the eastern side of the property, either through relocation or reconstruction, pending City approval of future development. This is in response to neighborhood and community feedback, expressing an interest in maintaining the visual appeal of the water tower.

### GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

The City's 2035 General Plan designates the project site as Light Industrial. The City interprets medical cannabis cultivation uses and related support uses as consistent with this designation.

### ZONING CONSISTENCY and PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The project site is zoned IL, Light Industrial. The proposed cannabis uses are consistent with this zoning district. The City's Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance permits cultivation operations larger than 10,000 square feet in the IL district with a conditional use permit. Likewise, the City's

Official Zoning Code Interpretation (No. 11) authorizes related cannabis support uses, including manufacturing, distribution, and lab testing, in the IL district with a minor use permit.

On June 30, 2017, the City released a Draft Comprehensive Cannabis Policy Ordinance (City Code, Chapter 20-46) for public review and comment. The ordinance would establish a uniform regulatory program for all medical cannabis uses in the City in accordance with state law and to prohibit commercial non-medical cannabis uses in the City.

Under the draft ordinance, cannabis facilities would be subject to a Minor or Major Conditional Use Permit (depending on size) in specific zoning districts. Cultivation operations over 10,000 square feet in size will be allowed in the IL district with a Major Conditional Use Permit. The project is consistent with the draft policy ordinance. The final policy ordinance is expected to be adopted in late 2017.

The City's Planning Commission will decide on issuance of the Conditional Use Permits for the project. In order for a Conditional Use Permit to be approved, public notice and a public hearing are required. Additionally, the following conditions must be met:

1. The proposed use is allowed within the applicable zoning district and complies with all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Code and the City Code;

As above, the proposed use is allowed within the Light Industrial zoning district, and complies with all provisions.

2. The proposed use is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan;

As above, the proposed use is consistent with the General Plan and applicable specific plans.

3. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the proposed activity would be compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity;

As discussed throughout this Project Description, as well as throughout the attached environmental assessment documents, the design, location, size and operating characteristics of the proposed use and activity are compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity. Specifically, the project meets applicable design standards and has been modified to reflect neighbor concerns; the project is located within a light industrial neighborhood which has been targeted for further development intensification; the building's size is less than what would otherwise be allowed by Santa Rosa development standards; and the operations of the project will not have a public impact because the business will not be open to the public, and all noise, odor, traffic, visual, and other impacts have been mitigated.

4. The proposed site is physically suitable for the type, density, and intensity of use being proposed, including access, utilities, and the absence of physical constraints;

The proposed site abuts industrial uses and falls across the street from a heavy industrial/commercial zone, thus a manufacturing and indoor agricultural cultivation facility is suitable for the area; the proposed project does not propose density or development intensity beyond that which is allowed under Santa Rosa development standards (*see* Santa Rosa Municipal Code Section 20-24.040, Industrial District Development Standards- both density and intensity determined by review authority/CUP). Access, utilities, and physical constraints have been addressed in the project's pre-application and department review.

5. Granting the permit would not constitute a nuisance or be injurious or detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or materially injurious to persons, property, or improvements in the vicinity and zoning district in which the property is located;

The project will incorporate strict security protocols to address site, product, employee and public safety; there will be no noise beyond the noise generated by construction of the project; odor will be mitigated and nearly eliminated through industry-leading internal controls; and development of the site will facilitate upgrades to sidewalks, bike paths, and overall quality of the neighborhood.

6. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with CEQA.

Please see the environmental assessment application and related materials. The applicant will prepare an initial study for the project and conduct further environmental review as appropriate to comply with CEQA.

## PROJECT SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The area around the subject property is a mix of agricultural, industrial, commercial and residential uses. The building is at the corner of Yolanda and Petaluma Hill Road. To the North are heavy commercial and industrial uses, including Wyatt Irrigation Supply and Marlo's RV Service. Immediately to the West of the parcel are additional commercial and industrial uses including Hensley's Auto Smog and Repair. At the southwest corner of the parcel are residential uses. Two homes share property lines with the 5.5 acre parcel, and the property line is already screened by mature trees. The property's Southern property line is shared by a parcel similarly developed but zoned R-1-6. To the east, across Petaluma Hill Rd., is a dairy farm. The project site is located within the City's Urban Growth Boundary.

## BUILDING CHANGES

The residence will be demolished. Along the southwestern property line, a three-story operations building will be erected. The proposed building will be situated on the central portion of the site,

104' from the northern property line (Yolanda Ave.), 27' from the western property line, and 70' from the southern property line. Please see the "NOISE IMPACT AND MITIGATION" section, below, for a further discussion of the 70' southern setback. Trees will be planted along the south and west boundary lines in the continuous planter provided for in the site plans. The overall height of the building is 55'. The length is 293' and the depth is 176'. To the east of the main building, a single-story utility building will be erected. At the two northern entrances, a guard building will be erected for security.

The floor plan shows the layout of the interior of the facilities along with square footages of the various cannabis uses. Approximately 21,505 square feet would be used for manufacturing, drying and trimming, packing and labeling, and kitchen; approximately 1,085 square feet would be used as the laboratory; approximately 8,070 square feet would be used for vaults, warehousing, distribution and receiving; The offices, conference rooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, restrooms and the lobby will include at least one (1) gender neutral shower with a private changing area.

Approximately 86,050 square feet will be dedicated to cannabis cultivation. Of this, approximately 41,920 square feet will be cannabis cultivation table space.

The applicant will be upgrading the HVAC systems and the power systems of the building to accommodate the cannabis cultivation use. The power upgrade will be completed with PG&E approval and oversight. The HVAC upgrades will be in compliance with Title 24 and Cal Green. The internal power distribution will be done according to the CEC. All work will be in conformance to the requirements of the California Building Code and other adopted codes, and ordinances

#### PARKING AND LANDSCAPING

Currently the site contains no designated parking spaces since it is not currently in commercial use. The revised site plan is modified to comply with the City of Santa Rosa's Design Guidelines for parking. The plan contains 85 parking spaces, of which 3 are accessible and two are designated for electric vehicles. Bicycle parking shall be provided in accordance with Zoning Code requirements contained in Section 20-36.090. There will be a minimum of eight bicycle parking spaces, of which two of the bicycle parking spaces shall be provided in long-term bicycle parking facilities and at least four parking spaces shall be provided in short-term bicycle parking facilities. Outdoor bicycle lockers will be installed as required long-term bicycle parking facilities.

Landscaping will conform to City of Santa Rosa development codes.

#### TRAFFIC

The standard staffing for this operation will be 105 full time employees, including security

personnel, depending on the shift. These employees will be monitoring the cultivation and manufacture of cannabis, manage the extraction process, manage the product inventory system, perform laboratory testing and ancillary operations including packaging, shipping and receiving, and office work and keeping the operations going on a day-to-day basis. The facility's operations will run continuously, with the following shifts:

45 employees on-Site during the 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. shift,  
25 employees on-Site during the 6:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. shift,  
10 employees on-site during the overlapping 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. shift, and  
25 employees on-site during the 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. shift.

However, these activities generate little to no noise or odor (see below for a full discussion of noise impacts), and light impacts will be mitigated by additional screening along the southern edge of the property. Additionally, the shift starting and ending times as well as the number of employees per shift were designed to minimize noise in the southern portion of the site (i.e., nearest the neighboring residences) after 7:00 p.m. and prior to 7:00 a.m. Proposed operations are discussed further below.

On a daily basis, there will be approximately 45 vehicles arriving during the beginning of the day shift and at the end of the day shift there will be approximately 45 vehicles departing. There will be approximately 35 vehicles arriving and departing for the evening shift and approximately 25 vehicles arriving and departing for the early morning shift.

Santa Rosa Farms will not maintain or operate supply or delivery trucks. Trucks used for shipping and receiving will be owned by third parties. Suppliers will generally make deliveries once a week during the day shift (typical business hours), and delivery pickups will be between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment only.

## NOISE

The project complies with the Noise and Safety Elements of the Santa Rosa General Plan 2035, guaranteeing its citizens a peaceful and quiet environment. The project's noise impacts will be analyzed in the MND prepared for the project. The analysis of noise impacts considers the effects of both temporary construction-related noise and long-term noise associated with operation of the project. This analysis is based in part on the Santa Rosa General Plan and municipal code, the Fehr & Peers Traffic Study, the Rincon Consultants Project Noise Study, and FTA's Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment. Importantly, the City code requires, and the City imposes a standard condition of approval on, development projects to limit construction to the hours of 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday, and none on Sunday. These timing restrictions would ensure that adjacent residences are not exposed to construction noise during evenings, nighttime, and Sundays, when residences are most sensitive to disturbance. As

analyzed in the MND, the project would not result in the generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the noise ordinance.

### **Parking Lot Noise**

Typical noise sources associated with parking lots include tire squealing, door slamming, car alarms, horns, and engine start-ups. The proposed project includes 85 parking stalls located in various areas of the site. Approximately half of these parking stalls would be located along the southern property line approximately 50 feet from adjacent residences. Although activity in the proposed southern parking lot would generate noise in proximity to adjacent residences, the location, type, frequency, and loudness of parking lot activity would not substantially disturb the peace and quiet of people of normal sensitivity to noise. Therefore, the project would have a less than significant impact from parking lot noise, and no mitigation or project design features are required.

### **Equipment Noise Impacts**

The stationary equipment includes chillers, cooling tower, air compressors, pumps, boilers and a natural gas co-generation unit. The Santa Rosa Farm Group intends to house the chillers, boilers and air compressors in a utility building, located 400 feet away from residences located to the southwest and east of the project. The gas-fired turbine generator will be enclosed in a bunker that will contain its noise. The equipment will be located in the central portion of the project site where the main building will obstruct line of sight to residences located southwest of the project site. Additionally, in order to mitigate the stationary equipment noise, the Santa Rosa Farm Group intends to enclose the equipment in a utility building, which will substantially reduce the exposure of residents to noise.

### **Delivery Truck and Trash Hauling Noise**

On-site activities would include the use of delivery trucks and trash hauling trucks. Because truck noise at sensitive receptors would not exceed the measured ambient noise level at sensitive receptors, would be reduced by the location of truck activity on-site, and would not occur during evening or nighttime hours, on-site truck noise would not substantially disturb the peace and quiet of neighboring residences. Therefore, the impact from on-site truck noise would be less than significant.

### **ODOR MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY**

All indoor growing and processing facilities at 800 Yolanda Avenue will be equipped with CAN carbon filtration systems that purify all incoming and outgoing air through virgin charcoal filters.

All ventilation air entering the building will pass through HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Arrestance) filters.

The rooms where cannabis is actively being grown and processed will have several layers of activated Carbon filtration. Furthermore, the applicant will utilize FogCo odor control systems. These systems address odor control, humidification, disinfecting and sterilizing of the products. The FogCo system utilizes a high-pressure fog system to attach to and eliminate odors by eliminating the molecules that contain the odor. More information on these systems can be obtained at [fogco.com/applications/cannabis](http://fogco.com/applications/cannabis).

#### SCHOOLS and other SETBACKS

Under California law, cannabis activities must be located more than 600 feet from schools. Santa Rosa has consistently applied this same setback requirement for retail locations, but has not expanded this required setback for non-retail facilities. Since no retail uses are currently proposed for this site, Health and Safety Code Section 11362.768 is not applicable to this project, and there is no setback requirement for schools.

Additionally, the Subject Building is in the Bellevue Union School District and is more than 600 feet away from the nearest schools- Kawana Elementary and Taylor Mountain Elementary. The proposed development otherwise complies with local building setback requirements.

#### SITE SECURITY

The Santa Rosa Farm Group location will utilize the services of a minimum of two security guards, who will monitor and patrol the site continuously. The security office will be fortified and utilize industry-standard vaults for cash and inventory control. As can be seen on the site plan, two security booths will be constructed on the Yolanda property line. Additionally, a perimeter wall will be constructed, controlling access through two points of entry at the security booths.

CCTV will be installed throughout the property including infrared and motion sensors. Entry to facilities will be controlled through a biometric security system using one of either retinal, thumb or palm scans.

We will be implementing a security plan for this building consisting of a monitored security system, access control, surveillance cameras, and security patrols to secure the property.

The monitored security system, installed and maintained by First Alarm, will feature a commercial alarm control panel. Each perimeter door to the facility will be alarmed and linked to the central control panel. Internal motion sensors will be installed. All alarms will comport with the City of Santa Rosa's Alarm System requirements as contained in City Code Chapter 6- 68.

The main entrance of the building will feature access code keys to allow entry into the building for approved members of staff only. Double doors and biometric scanning will be used for sensitive sections of the facility.

Surveillance Cameras will be installed at each perimeter door to the facility and strategically on the outside of the building. All recordings from the security cameras will be recorded onsite and will be backed up offsite daily. Any suspicious activity will be reported immediately to law enforcement, and recordings will be made available to the Santa Rosa Police Department at their request.

A local security company, SOCO Private Security will conduct patrols of the property 24 hours/day. Daily patrols have already commenced on the undeveloped property in order to discourage vagrancy.

### PRODUCT SECURITY

Inventory controls and loss documentation procedures will be implemented. A web-based inventory control system will be accessible upon demand to assist the City of Santa Rosa with its requirement to implement a track and trace program. All cannabis products produced, manufactured, or distributed through the facility will be inventoried into the system including the employee Identification number, date/time, quantity, strain and batch number.

All employees will be trained to report loss or theft immediately to the company and the City of Santa Rosa.

All products will be stored in a restricted-access area. All products will be accounted for in the inventory system. The storage area is sufficient to maintain the quantities of cannabis proposed for this site.

### EMPLOYEE SECURITY

In accordance with regulations called for under the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, all employees will submit to and pass a LiveScan Federal Background Check. Hiring practices will focus on the Santa Rosa and Sonoma County employee pool. Employees and managers will receive extensive training on safe industry practices, best management practices, City of Santa Rosa regulations and the requirements of the permits called for under this Use Permit, California regulations and the requirements of any State license subsequently obtained, and Federal Guidelines regarding diversion and protection of minors. Employees will be paid a living wage in order to support the City of Santa Rosa's efforts to create a sustainable jobs base, and contribute to the creation of head of household jobs.

### CULTIVATION

The Santa Rosa Farm group proposes to cultivate through the use of hydroponics, as can be seen on the floor plans. Grow lights will be used. Cultivation will be overseen by the Santa Rosa Farm Group team. Their team of cultivators and operators bring unique skill and expertise to the production of exceptional quality CBD medicine. There will be only one operator on-site.

Cultivation methods will follow industry-standard protocols for production and quality assurance. Cannabis plants will be grown in above-ground pots, and watered through a drip irrigation system. Runoff will be collected in trays and run down a hose where it will be sent to the water treatment system, as more fully described below.

Cultivation activities will focus on producing high-CBD yield crops. CBD's application amongst patient populations has shown promising results as an anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, neuroprotectant, anxiolytic, antidepressant, analgesic, anti-tumoral agent and anti-psychotic. The Applicant's business model supports development of high yield CBD at a reasonable price to support Santa Rosa and Sonoma County's patients and the public.

### MANUFACTURING

Onsite manufacturing including extraction, in compliance with MAUCRSA Type 6 and Type 7 and City of Santa Rosa regulations for nonvolatile and volatile manufacturing, will be conducted on site. Non-volatile CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen and any approved non-volatile and volatile compounds and extraction methods will be implemented. Uses will include processing, packaging, sorting, and grading. This use is permitted by right in the IL zones, but is included in this project description in order to provide a complete perspective on operations.

### DISTRIBUTION/LAB TESTING

Distribution activities, including logistics for movement of products, facilitation of testing, and collection of taxes, are also contemplated in this application to the extent permitted by the City of Santa Rosa. Any operations will take place within the existing footprint of the building, as more clearly defined by the site plans. Traffic generated by distribution activities will follow the traffic patterns as outlined above. These uses are permitted by right in the IL zones, but are included in this project description in order to provide a complete perspective on operations.

### WATER USE, WASTE WATER, FILTRATION

In support of the City's commitment to a sustainable, clean supply of drinking water, and in acknowledgment of the City's zero discharge order imposed by the State Water Board, the Santa Rosa Farm Group will implement a water reclamation system in order to recapture and reconstitute usable water. This system can reclaim up to 90% of the water used. The Santa Rosa Farm Group will also install water-saving toilets and sinks for employee use.

Additionally, the Santa Rosa Farm Group will ensure no contaminants, residue, sediment, or nutrients will be discharged into the City's wastewater system. Waste water created through our cultivation activities will be filtered by a multi-media filter and re-used, either in our cultivation activities or in irrigating the landscaping on our property.

### ELECTRICAL USE

The Santa Rosa Farm Group is committed to supporting the City in its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, the development plan includes utilizing a natural gas co-generation system, geothermal heating and cooling and, potentially, implementing Tesla commercial batteries.

### RECYCLING

The Santa Rosa Farm Group intends to implement a bio-waste system utilizing the treated wastewater from cultivation activities. Vegetable plots and decorative plants on site will be watered and maintained with treated wastewater. The applicant will incorporate aggressive recycling protocols for packaging, materials, and waste.

### TRASH ENCLOSURE DETAILS

An onsite dumpster is located to the southeast of the lot, closest to the Southern and Eastern property lines.

### EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Flood lights will be installed on each corner of the building, with cameras surrounding the building. Cameras will be accessible remotely via Wi-fi connections. Alerts including intrusions, temperature changes, and motion will all be available remotely.

### DELIVERIES

Trucks will enter through the security-controlled access points, entering from east-bound Yolanda and exiting westbound whenever possible. For a fuller discussion of traffic impacts, please see the attached traffic and noise studies.

### SIZE

The subject facility is sufficient to properly store and control the volume of cannabis proposed for production and distribution. The facility is also sufficient to provide enough comfortable space for personnel.

RESOLUTION NO. 12052

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING A MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND PARKING REDUCTION FOR THE SANTA ROSA FARM GROUP, LLC CANNABIS FACILITY, CONSISTING OF NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A ± 116,700 SQUARE FOOT (SF) INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION (86,050 SF), MANUFACTURING LEVEL 1 (NON-VOLATILE) AND LEVEL 2 (VOLATILE) (21,505 SF), AND DISTRIBUTION (TYPE 11) (8,070 SF), WITH TESTING LABORATORY (1,085) LAND USES - LOCATED AT 800 YOLANDA AVENUE, APN: 044-091-063 - FILE NUMBER PRJ17-068 (CUP17-123)

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2017, Conditional Use Permit and Design Review applications for The Santa Rosa Farm Group, LLC Cannabis Facility, a project consisting of demolition of existing structures and construction of a new ± 116,700 square-foot (sf) industrial building and Cannabis Cultivation (86,050 sf), Manufacturing Level 1 (non-volatile) and Level 2 (volatile) (21,505 sf), and Distribution (Type 11) (8,070 sf), with Testing laboratory (1,085 sf) land uses on an approximately 5.5-acre project site, located at 800 Yolanda Ave., also identified as Sonoma County Assessor's Parcel Number 044-091-063, were submitted to Planning and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, a pre-application Neighborhood Meeting was held on May 3, 2017, at City Hall to provide the opportunity for early input by affected neighbors, and comments were received from attendees; and

WHEREAS, pre-application Concept Design Review was conducted by the Design Review Board on May 4, 2017, and comments were provided to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration were published for review on June 30, 2020, and onsite noticing and mailed notice to property owners in an area of greater than 600 feet from the project site were completed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the application on April 8, 2021, at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered the application, the staff reports, oral and written, the General Plan and zoning on the subject property, the testimony, written comments, and other materials presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for this use and project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after consideration of the reports, documents, testimony, and other materials presented, and pursuant to City Code Section 20-

52.050 (Conditional Use Permit), the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa finds and determines:

- A. The proposed use is allowed within the applicable zoning district and complies with all other applicable provisions of this Zoning Code and the City Code in that the proposed cannabis facility would be located within new industrial development in the Light Industrial zoning district, which is permitted subject to Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit;
- B. The proposed use is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan in that in enacting its commercial cannabis land use regulations, the City specifically identified the Light Industrial (IL) and General Industrial (IG) zoning districts where the proposed uses would be appropriate. The proposed uses will provide viable commercial services to the community, create permanent full-time and part-time jobs, help in maintaining the economic viability of this area, while being conducted with odor control and noise reduction measures, as well as a security plan, consistent with the applicable underlying General Plan goals and policies and the associated General Industry General Plan land use designation;
- C. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the proposed activity would be compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity in that the proposed uses will be located within a newly constructed light industrial campus specifically designed for the proposed uses on a site that is surrounded on nearly all sides by IL-zoned properties that include a mix of light manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and office related uses. As such, the area is well-suited for the proposed operation. There is a single-family residential neighborhood located at the south/southwest corner of the project site, however, the proposed facility is separated from the residences by  $\pm 70$  feet with an 8-foot tall security wall, landscaping and parking areas located between the parcel boundary and building. In addition, the subject site does not share an access road with the residential neighborhood, which will further minimize potential impacts to the residences;
- D. The site is physically suitable for the type, density, and intensity of use being proposed, including access, utilities, and the absence of physical constraints in that the proposed cannabis facility, accessory structures, and parking and circulation areas would cover approximately 50% of site, which is appropriate for industrial development. Proposed uses would be located entirely within an industrial building, including all growing, harvesting, manufacturing, testing, packaging, and shipping functions. Access to the site is provided via Yolanda Avenue, and the building will be fully accessible pursuant to American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, though no public access will be permitted due to the nature of the proposed use and for security purposes. All necessary utilities are available at the project site, including water, wastewater, storm drainage and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) services;
- E. Granting the permit would not constitute a nuisance or be injurious or detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare, or materially injurious to persons,

property, or improvements in the vicinity and zoning district in which the property is located in that the proposed uses will be located within a newly constructed light industrial campus specifically designed for these uses on a site that is surrounded on nearly all sides by both Light Industrial zoned properties that include a mix of light manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and office related uses. Project conditions of approval would further regulate the use to ensure it will not result in a public nuisance or health and safety hazard. This includes implementation of an odor mitigation plan and a detailed project security plan addressing use of a security service, use of surveillance cameras, secure entry gates to the project site, and similar measures. The project is required to comply with current City-wide Noise and Outdoor Lighting Ordinances.

- F. Due to special circumstances associated with the operation of the use at its location, the proposed use will generate a parking demand different from the standards specified in § 20-36.040 - Table 3-4; and the number of parking spaces approved will be sufficient for its safe, convenient, and efficient operation of the use in that a parking analysis prepared by Fehr & Peers dated March 22, 2021, analyzed the proposed uses and determined that (1) employee staffing of cannabis cultivation facilities typically falls well below industry standards for other light industrial uses and this project is consistent with this trend; (2) the project site is located in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, which reduces demand for commuting by single-occupancy vehicle; and (3) the project site is serviced by City and County public transit services, and bicycle transportation is supported by on-street bicycle facilities. These special circumstances associated with the operation of the use at this location would generate parking demand different from parking ratio requirements, and 85 parking spaces as proposed would be sufficient for its safe, convenient, and efficient operation of the use.
- G. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that an Initial Study was prepared, which resulted in the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Conditional Use Permit is subject to all applicable provisions of the Zoning Code, including Section 20-54.100 (Permit Revocation or Modification).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that required Conditional Use Permit approvals for The Santa Rosa Farm Group, LLC Cannabis Facility to be located at 800 Yolanda Avenue, are approved subject to each of the following conditions:

## **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **GENERAL:**

1. Compliance with the latest adopted ordinances, resolutions, policies, and fees adopted by the City Council at the time of building permit review and approval. All fees must be paid prior to issuance of a building permit.
2. All work shall be done according to the final approved plans dated received March 27, 2021.
3. The address shall be displayed in a prominent location on the street side of the property. The numbers shall be no less than 6-inches in height and shall be of a contrasting color to the background to which they are attached. The address shall be illuminated during hours of darkness per City "Premises Identification" requirements.
4. The applicant shall comply with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requirements in Section 21.02 of the Santa Rosa Municipal Code ("Code") regarding commercial linkage fees in effect at the time the building permit is issued. The project land use classification is Industrial for the purpose of fee calculation.

### **EXPIRATION AND EXTENSION:**

5. This Conditional Use Permit shall be valid for a four-year period. If the permit has not been exercised within 48 months following the date on which the permit was granted, this approval shall automatically expire and shall be invalid unless an application for extension is filed prior to expiration.
6. If exercised within the initial or extended approval period, in accordance with all conditions of approval, this Conditional Use Permit shall be valid for the duration of use.

### **BUILDING DIVISION:**

7. Obtain a demolition permit for the structures to be removed. Final Design Review approval is required prior to issuance of demolition permit.
8. Provide a geotechnical investigation and soils report with the building permit application. The investigation shall include subsurface exploration and the report shall include grading, drainage, paving and foundation design recommendations.
9. Obtain required building permits for the proposed project. Final Design Review is required prior to issuance of any required building permits.

**ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (INCLUDING FIRE AND TRAFFIC):**

10. Comply with all conditions of approval contained in the Engineering Development Services Exhibit “A” dated March 24, 2021, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

11. Compliance with the adopted *Santa Rosa Farm Group Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacture, and Distribution Facility Mitigated Negative Declaration* Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is required.
12. All hollow pipes or posts, if used, shall be capped to prevent wildlife entrapment.
13. The building materials, elevations, and appearance of this project, as presented for issuance of a building permit, shall be the same as that approved by the Planning Commission. Any future additions, expansions, remodeling, etc., will be subject to review and approval of the Planning Division in accordance with Section 20-54.060 Changes to an approved project.
14. PROJECT DETAILS:
  - A. All project details shall be in accordance with the restrictions and limitations of the City Zoning and Uniform Building Codes, as well as the City's Design Review Guidelines.
  - B. The design of all fencing, sound walls, carports, trash enclosures, and similar accessory site elements shall be compatible with the architecture of main buildings and shall use similar materials. The design must be approved by the Planning Division prior to issuance of a building permit.
  - C. All roof appurtenances, accessory equipment, and meters must be totally screened from public view by an architecturally design element approved by the Design Review Board or Planning Division.
  - D. All outdoor storage of materials or refuse bins/cans shall be maintained within a completely screened structure or area. The design of the screened structure or area shall be approved by the Planning Division prior to issuance of a building permit.
15. TREE PRESERVATION AND TREE REMOVAL MITIGATION:
  - A. Pursuant to the Tree Preservation and Mitigation Report prepared by Horticultural Associates, dated December 1, 2017, the total trunk diameter of trees to be removed is 675 inches. Per the requirements of City Code Chapter 17-24, Trees, a total of 225 15-gallon trees must be replanted as mitigation for the approved tree removal. Coast Redwood native trees

represent 414 inches of the total trunk diameter of trees to be removed. At least 138 of the 15-gallon trees must be Coast Redwoods or a suitable alternative approved by the Director. Replanting of larger trees may be equivalent to a number of 15-gallon trees as follows:

- i. 24-inch box tree = 3 15-gallon trees
- ii. 36-inch box tree = 4 15-gallon trees
- iii. 48-inch box tree = 6 15-gallon trees

As an alternative, a fee of \$100 per 15-gallon replacement tree may be paid to the City of Santa Rosa Tree Replacement Fund in-lieu of planning replacement trees onsite.

Applicant shall submit a Tree Mitigation Plan to Planning for review and approval prior to issuance of construction building permit. Consultation with Planning staff during development of the required Tree Mitigation Plan is encouraged.

- B. Tree Preservation notes and protection during construction notes shall be shown on the improvement plans and building plans. The tree driplines shall also be shown on each drawing with the attendant protection instructions.
- C. Prior to issuance of a grading or building permit for any clearing, excavation, construction, or other work on the site, a protection zone shall be established to protect natural vegetation and trees from construction activities. The following conditions and restrictions shall apply:
  - i. The zone shall encompass the "protected perimeter" which shall be either the root zone or other limit as established in this approval.
  - ii. The zone shall be delineated with a brightly colored construction fence. Such fences shall remain continuously in place for the duration of all work undertaken on the site.
  - iii. No storage or construction activities (including trenching, grading or filling) shall be permitted within the protected zone.
  - iv. No burning or use of equipment with an open flame shall occur near or within the protected perimeter.
  - v. All brush, earth, and other debris shall be removed in a manner which prevents injury to the protected trees and/or shrubs.
  - vi. No oil, gas, chemicals, or other substances that may be harmful to trees shall be stored or dumped within the protected perimeter or

any other location from which substances might enter the perimeter of a protected tree.

- D. The contractor(s) shall be notified in writing by the developer of the "Protection Zone." Copies of the letter shall be provided to the Planning and Building Divisions prior to issuance of a building or grading permit for any site work.
- E. The protection zone delineated with the brightly colored construction fence shall be posted with signs which state "Tree/Vegetation Protection Zone -- No Construction or Storage Permitted."
- F. Irrigation systems and plant varieties which require regular watering shall not be permitted within the dripline of an Oak tree which is to be preserved.
- G. No concrete or asphalt paving or compaction of soil shall be permitted within the root zones of protected trees.
- H. Any special work, including mitigation, within the "Protection Zone" must be done under the supervision of a City approved certified arborist.

16. LANDSCAPING:

- A. All required landscaping and irrigation must be installed prior to occupancy per the approved final plans.
- B. Construction drawings submitted for issuance of a building permit shall include final landscape and irrigation plans, except where not required.
- C. All landscaping must be continuously maintained in a healthy and attractive condition, free of weeds and debris, in accordance with the approved plans. Dead and dying plant materials shall be replaced with healthy specimens as necessary.
- D. Street trees will be required and shall be planted by the developer. Selection will be made from the City's approved Master Street Tree Plant List in coordination with the City Parks Division. Planting shall be done in accordance with the City "Standards and Specifications for Planting Parkway Trees." Copies of the Street Tree List and the Planting Standards are available at the Parks Division office.

17. LIGHTING:

- A. Compliance with the City's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, Zoning Code Section 20-30.080, is required.

- B. All exterior lighting shall be shown and specified on the plans submitted for issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Design Review approval.

18. NOISE

- A. Compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance, City Code Chapter 17-16, is required.

19. PARKING:

- A. The parking lot shall be constructed to City standards.
- B. The parking lot shall be provided with concrete curbing around all planter areas unless specifically approved by the Department of Community Development in some other fashion.
- C. The parking lot shall be striped according to City standards and all handicapped and compact spaces shall be identified and marked accordingly.
- D. Bicycle parking shall be provided in accordance with Zoning Code requirements contained in Section 20-36.090. A minimum of eight bicycle parking spaces is required, of which at least 25 percent of the bicycle parking spaces shall be provided in long-term bicycle parking facilities and at least 50 percent shall be provided in short-term bicycle parking facilities. Outdoor bicycle lockers may be installed as required long-term bicycle parking facilities. The location and number of spaces shall be shown on the site plan submitted for issuance of a building permit. Compliance with shower, locker, and dressing room requirements is required. The shower requirement may be satisfied by providing at least one (1) gender neutral shower with private changing area.

20. SIGNING:

- A. No exterior signs, banners, or the like are approved with this permit.
- B. A planning sign permit application is required for signs as required by Chapter 20-38 Signs.
- C. Sign permit approval shall be obtained prior to application for a building permit for sign installation.
- D. Building permits for sign installations shall be separate permits from other building permits issued for construction.

21. CANNABIS GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- A. In accordance with Zoning Code Section 20-46.050 (H), Cannabis Businesses shall incorporate and maintain adequate odor control measures such that the odors of Cannabis cannot be detected from outside of the structure in which the Business operates.

22. NATURAL RESOURCES:

- A. Advisement. The applicant, its successors, heirs, assigns or transferees are advised in writing that this approval or permit, prior to the start of any construction, may be subject to certain other clearances, approvals, permits, or authorizations by state and/or federal agencies. The applicant shall acknowledge in writing receipt of the above advisement.
- B. Mitigation requirement. The City's approval or permit is valid only if the applicant, its successors, heirs, assigns or transferees, comply with the terms, conditions and mitigations set forth in any clearance, permit or approval except that any permit condition or mitigation that requires project redesign shall trigger a review by the City of Santa Rosa Director of Community Development to determine if the project as redesigned is consistent with the original approval. A project that the City determines is not consistent with the City approval shall not be granted subsequent entitlements, such as approval of improvement plans and final maps, but excluding grading or building permits of any type. Such a project would have to be resubmitted to the City and reviewed by the City as a new project, including the submittal of a new application and fees.
- C. Power to stop work if natural resources violation occurs. Nothing in this approval shall prevent the City of Santa Rosa from exercising its power to stop work in instances where a violation of state or federal law is proven.
- D. No building or grading permit of any type shall be issued by the City until a required federal or state, as applicable, clearance or authorization, with or without conditions, has been filed with the City. This project does not require natural resource permits for construction or operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission finds and determines this entitlement to use would not be granted but for the applicability and validity of each and every one of the above conditions and that if any one or more of the above said conditions are invalid, this entitlement to use would not have been granted without requiring other valid conditions for achieving the purposes and intent of such approval.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa on the 8th day of April, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: (7) Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Peterson, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Duggan, Commissioner Holton, Commissioner Kalia, and Commissioner Okrepkie

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
KAREN WEEKS, CHAIR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
AMY LYLE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT: Department of Planning & Economic Development Engineering Development Services Exhibit "A" dated March 24, 2021