

## **ATTACHMENT 2 – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Willow Brown, Planning and Development Department

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN:** 005-280-040

**Case No.:** 19BAR-00000-00225

**Location:** 3561 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

**Project Title:** G&K Farms/K&G Flower – Cannabis Processing Structure

**Project Applicant:** G&K Farms

**Project Description:** Case No. 19BAR-00000-00225 is a request for Design Review of a new 25,000-square-foot cannabis processing building. The building will have a maximum height of approximately 24'-4 ¾" from existing grade. The building will be steel with aluminum window frames, steel doors, and a corrugated steel roof. The building will be coated with NUCOR PVDF Cool Coatings Dark Bronze with NUCOR PVDF Cool Coatings Desert Sand trim and roof. The property is a 14.66-acre parcel zoned AG-I-10 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 005-280-040, located at 3561 Foothill Road in the Toro Canyon Plan area, First Supervisorial District.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** Jay Higgins

**Exempt Status:**

☐ Ministerial  
☒ Statutory Exemption  
☐ Categorical Exemption  
☐ Emergency Project  
☐ Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section:** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The project is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 (Ministerial Projects). A project is ministerial for CEQA purposes if the agency reviewing the project lacks authority to address environmental impacts. The land use entitlements, Case Nos. 19CUP-00000-00062, 20AMD-

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00000-00003, and 19CDP-00000-00157, have already been approved and under the County's Design Review ordinance, the Board of Supervisors lacks authority to address environmental impacts as part of the Preliminary Design Review appeal.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Willow Brown

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**Date:** July 1, 2025

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** Hearing Support Staff

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_