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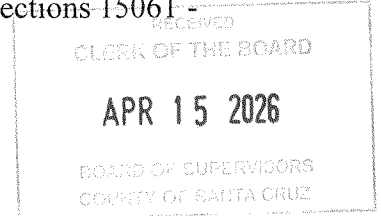
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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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The Santa Cruz County Cannabis Licensing Office has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061-15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: Submission-2025-49  
 Assessor Parcel Number: 109-331-02  
 Project Location: (see attached map)



**Project Description:** Cannabis Farm Stand – allow retail sales of cannabis goods grown by the applicant in the County (see attached “Project Description Preparation Form Strong Agronomy Management, Inc.”)

**Person or Agency Proposing Project:** Strong Agronomy Management, Inc.

**Contact Phone Number:** 559.349.4375

- A.  The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- B.  The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- C.  **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- D.  **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
- E.  **Categorical Exemption**

**Specify type:** Class 1: Use of existing facilities

Class	Category	Description
Class 1	Existing Facilities	Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15301.)

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 4/15/2026 AND ENDING 5/20/2026



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**F. Reasons why the project is exempt:**

Farm stands on an existing commercially-farmed property are allowed as a principally permitted use within Santa Cruz County. This farm stand proposes to utilize an existing commercial building that is used for retail sales. These sales are for an existing on-site winery tasting room as approved by Use Permit 03-0211 and the Conditions of Approval, associated with this permit, were met based on the approval/finalization of building permit 00327466-00124993. Retail sales at the proposed farm stand will be limited to agricultural products, grown by the owner at this site and any other site under their ownership located within the County of Santa Cruz. These sales restrictions will be applied under Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 7.138.

The limited sales to guests with a scheduled tour are aligned with the conditions of the originally approved wine tasting room..

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Sam LoForti  
Sam LoForti, Cannabis Licensing Manager

Date: 04/14/2026

ATTACHMENTS: Site plan and map, project description preparation form, program statement.