



North Wind Management, LLC Noise Source Assessment and Mitigation Plan

APN: 401-112-030

Humboldt County, CA

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Objective

The purpose of this Noise Source Assessment and Mitigation Plan is to evaluate the potential impacts from the proposed project and describe how the project will conform with the Performance Standard set forth in Section 55.4.12.6 – Performance Standard for Noise at Cultivation Sites in the Humboldt County Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO) – Coastal Zone. Evaluation of potential noise impacts included the establishment of onsite ambient and maximum noise levels, identification of proposed project noise sources, and modeling of proposed project noise sources in relation to current onsite noise.

Proposed Project Overview

North Wind Management, LLC is proposing to permit commercial cannabis activities in accordance with the County of Humboldt's (County) Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (CCLUO), aka "Ordinance 2.0" on one parcel APN: 401-112-030 near the community of Samoa in Humboldt County, California.

North Wind Management, LLC is proposing to permit commercial cannabis activities in accordance with the County of Humboldt's (County) *Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance* (CCLUO - Coastal), aka "Ordinance 2.0" on legal parcel, APN 401-112-030, near the community of Samoa in Humboldt County,

California. The project requires a Conditional Use Permit and a Coastal Development permit for indoor commercial cannabis cultivation, off-site commercial processing, distribution, infusion, non-volatile manufacturing, and volatile manufacturing.

Site Description, Project Details, and Sensitive Receptors

The proposed project site is located at 936 Vance Ave west of Humboldt Bay and East of the Pacific Ocean. The project is located on APN 401-112-030. The site was part of the historic Samoa Pulp Mill lumber mill activities, historically associated with high levels of noise and disturbance.

Existing structures onsite include a multi-story historic chip silo building (approximately 5,000 sq. ft.) and conveyor belt, a two-story primary office building (16,667 sq. ft.), and a secondary office building (approximately 4,799 sq. ft.). These three structures were constructed in the 1960s/70s as part of lumber mill development.

The indoor cannabis cultivation is designed to be located on existing pavement in a proposed 185′ x 275′ commercial warehouse building. All indoor cultivation would occur within interior modular structures within the proposed warehouse building. Processing and Infusion activities would occur within the existing secondary office building, and Distribution would occur within the existing primary office building. Volatile and Non-volatile Manufacturing activities would occur within modular structures. See Table 1 for details of activities and existing/proposed structures.

Existing and proposed project-related onsite infrastructure will support the proposed activities. All electricity demand will be met by existing PG&E service. A backup generator is kept on site for use during an emergency. See the attached site map for locations of existing and proposed infrastructure, adjacent residences, watercourses and associated setbacks. No trees are proposed to be removed as a part of this project.



Table 1. Proposed Cannabis Activities and Associated Locations (refer to Appendix A of Operations Plan – Site Plans)

		Proposed	d Discretionary	Activities	(± sq. ft.)			Activities A ivation (± s	ncillary to q. ft.)
) Line con	Indoor Cannabis Cultivation	Off-site Commercial Processing	Distribution	Infusion	Off-site Product Storage	Manufacturin g	Ancillary Nursery (10%)	Ancillary Drying	Ancillary Processing
<p> Building 1; Commercial Warehouse (185' x 275')</p>	43,560	-					4,350	10,000	5,000
<e> Building 2; Office Building (16,667 sf)</e>			5,000	<u>.</u>					
<e> Building 3; Secondary Office Building (4,799 sf)</e>		2,434		1,000			7 1.3		
<p> (2) Modular Structures (12' x 40' each)</p>	, in	Ang in-		neli e voro		480 (non- volatile) 480 (volatile)		i se	7 11 +x
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Totals (sf)	43,560	2,434	5,000	1,000	4,640	960	4,350	10,000	5,000

The property has relatively flat terrain, with slopes ranging from <1-2%. The site is zoned Industrial/Coastal-Dependent and Industrial General (MC/A; MG). Combining zones include Archaeological Resource Area Outside Shelter Cove (A).

The closest neighboring residence is located approximately 3,500 feet from the nearest proposed cultivation activity. The surrounding neighboring residences are shown on the attached site map Appendix A. Additionally, a Natural Resources (NR) zoned area contains habitat for potential sensitive species approximately 800 feet from proposed project activities.

Analysis of Existing Ambient Noise Levels

This section summarizes the data collection procedures that were taken in order to analyze the existing ambient noise levels within the project site. The *existing ambient noise level* is defined as the baseline of sound pressure experienced in an area prior to the proposed cannabis cultivation activities. Existing ambient noise levels included natural and human-induced noise.

Three (3) Monitoring Locations were established throughout the parcel to establish noise levels at property lines (closest to sensitive receptors such as neighboring houses) and habitat areas (closest to



sensitive receptors such as wildlife). Table 2 below describes the Monitoring Locations in more detail and the locations can be seen on the site map attached in Appendix A.

Table 2: Monitoring Location Details

Monitoring Location	Lat., Long.	Description & Notes	Impact Potential
#1	40.8053°, -124.1930°	Adjacent to south property boundary and neighboring industrial site	Adjacent parcel
#2	40.8066°, -124.1934°	Adjacent to cultivation area and west property boundary	Adjacent parcel
#3	40.8067°, -124.1963°	Adjacent to west property boundary and nearest residence	Neighboring residence and Habitat

The sound pressure level was measured in decibels using a type 2 digital sound meter which utilizes an A-weighted filter network (dB(A)). The digital sound meter was mounted to a tripod, allowing it to be positioned approximately 2 feet above the ground to minimize ground noise and maximize unobstructed sound readings. Measurements were taken on July 7th, 2021, which was a cold, cloudy day with a strong intermittent breeze.

Measurement readings consist of continuous 24 hours at each monitoring location. After the measurements were taken, a log was created detailing what outside activity was associated with the increased noise level. The data was then analyzed to determine the existing ambient noise levels. The results from this analysis are presented in Table 3. Table 3 displays the Monitoring Location, the average decibel reading throughout the measurement, the maximum decibel reading, and the outside noise associated with the maximum decibel reading.

Table 3: Onsite Noise Analysis Results

Location	Measurement Length (hours)	Average Decibel Reading (dBA)	Max Noise Level Measured (dBA)
#1	24	46	78
#2	24	45	75
#3	24	51	88

In general, the existing average noise levels range from approximately 46 dBA to 51 dBA. Maximum noise levels ranged from 78 to 88 dBA.

Noise Sources Associated with Proposed Project

Noise sources associated with proposed project will include Heating, Ventilation, and Air conditioning (HVAC), fans, and manufacturing equipment. Vehicular traffic is also likely to cause noise.



The proposed commercial warehouse building will have interior modular structures (Norseman or Similar – see Appendix B) that will utilize several commercial HVAC systems similar to commercial air sanitizer system "AiroClean", and several "Multifan V-FloFan" fans or similar fans. Storage and drying within shipping containers would also be equipped with V-FloFans or similar. Manufacturing activities would occur in pre-packaged modular structures with built-in equipment and fans (See Appendix B). Additionally, fans and dehumidifiers may be utilized in the primary or secondary office buildings for product storage and air conditioning. The HVAC system and fans both have a noise rating range of 45-48 dBA.

In addition, the Multifan V-FloFan fan will be equipped with a variable speed controller to allow for adjustment of fan speed. The fan speed is directly related to the noise of the fan. The applicant will use the variable speed controllers to ensure noise levels do not increase three decibels above ambient.

Energy requirements for all proposed cultivation activities is proposed to be met energy provided by the existing P.G.&E. service. No generators are proposed for main energy requirements. The location of the existing and proposed buildings and facilities can be seen on the site map in Appendix A.

Anticipated Noise Levels and Proposed Attenuation Measures

Indoor cultivation and ancillary drying activities will be contained within interior modular structures within the 275' \times 185' commercial warehouse building. Noises from the HVAC systems and fans associated with these activities would be muffled both by the interior modular structures and the outer shell of the warehouse building. Product storage and drying activities would occur within shipping containers and would also be equipped with fans.

Each of the Multifan V-FloFan (or similar) fans will be equipped with a variable speed controller, allowing for precise adjustment of the fan speed. Measuring of noise levels will continues on a regular basis following the proposed activities. If the noise levels are measured to be higher than the anticipated levels, the fans will be adjusted, reducing the noise output from the fans, and reducing the noise impact at the subject monitoring location.

The components of the proposed buildings/facilities that will be used for cultivation and related activities, including walls, doors, foundation, roof, and ventilation components will be constructed of materials that have appropriate Sound Transmission Class (STC) Ratings to reduce generated noise to 50 decibels (dBA) maximum at the property and habitat lines.

Noise from the proposed cultivation activities is not anticipated to result in an increase of more than three (3) decibels of continuous noise above existing ambient noise levels, which range from 46 to 51 dBA with maximum noise instances of 70-80 dBA. Furthermore, the noise levels at all Monitoring Locations are anticipated to be less than 50 dBA.

The site is a historic industrial site surrounded by current industrial and commercial activities. The proposed project is in line with other associated nearby activities and is not expected to cause a source of noise disturbance for nearby sensitive receptors or habitat. Additionally, the applicant will follow all recommendations in the Biological Assessment prepared by Timberland Resource Consultants.

Monitoring

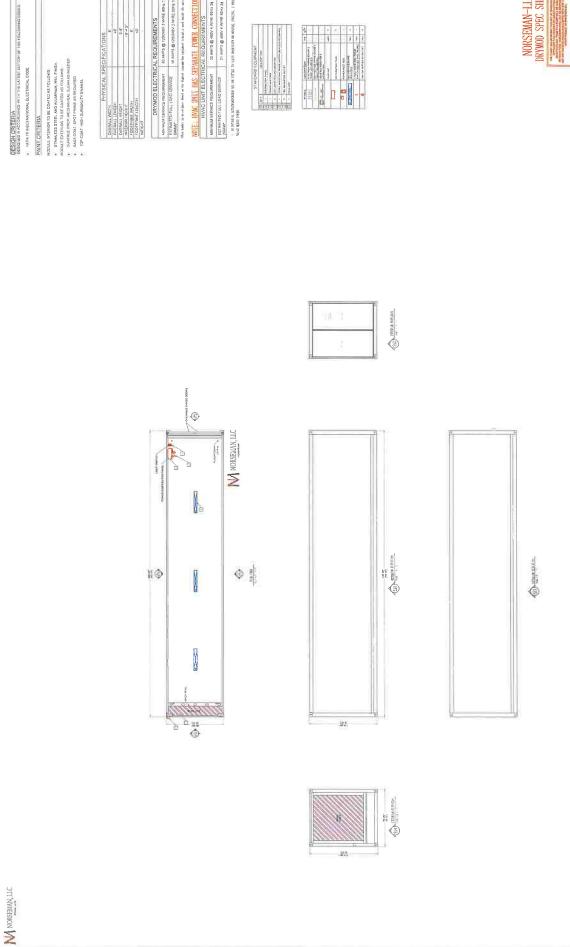
Measuring of noise levels will continue on a regular basis following the proposed activities. If the noise levels are measured to be higher than the anticipated levels, further measures will be implemented to reduce the noise output from the project's activity.



Conclusion

North Wind Management, LLC aims to meet the noise levels and mitigations set forth in this report. The site is an industrial site and the proposed project intensity is in line with surrounding activities. Following the recommendations set forth in this report, the proposed noise sources from the project are not expected to increase onsite ambient noise levels and compliance with Performance Standard 55.4.12.6 will be met. In order to ensure that commercial cannabis activities comply with the Performance Standards, future noise measurements will be taken at the same monitoring locations to ensure no disturbance is occurring to habitat or to neighboring residences. Noise from the proposed cultivation activities is not anticipated to result in an increase of more than three (3) decibels of continuous noise above existing ambient noise levels.



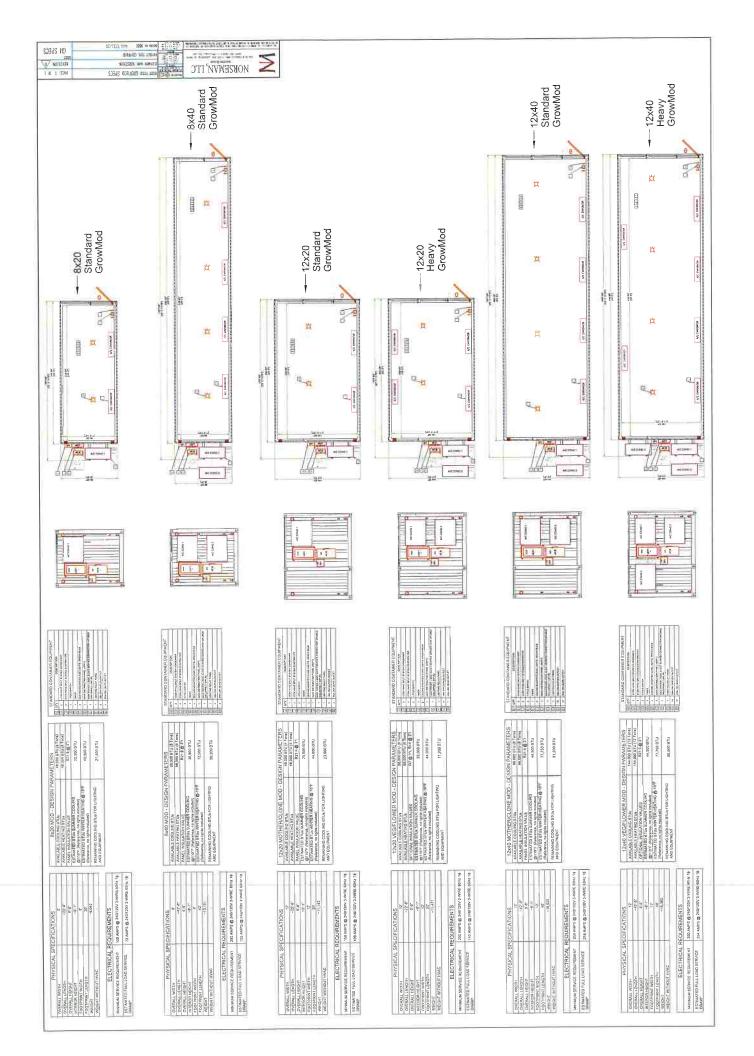




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