



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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RE: Permit Number PLN-11281-CUP / APN 316-071-004 / **PERMIT REVOCATION NOTICE**

Dear Machado Elvecio:

The above referenced Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 47,700 square feet (sf) of pre-existing cannabis cultivation (25,758 sf of outdoor and 21,942 sf of mixed light) with a 4,777 sf ancillary nursery was approved by the Humboldt County Planning Commission at its meeting of January 18, 2024. Due to repeated violations of the Humboldt County Code, including operating with a suspended permit, your permit will be scheduled for a hearing with the Board of Supervisors to consider permit revocation.

The Humboldt County Planning and Building Department (Department) completed an annual compliance inspection of the site on October 9, 2024, as required by Humboldt County Code (HCC) §314-55.4.5.6. The resulting inspection report (IR) identified non-compliant issues with the project, the corrective actions to remedy the issues, and the date by which they must be resolved, which was December 31, 2024, or prior to beginning the 2025 cultivation cycle. The Department has not received any of the items to resolve the issues and the deadline for completing the items has passed, which put the project out of compliance with the terms of the permit.

On February 6, 2025, the Department sent you a letter stating that as of January 1, 2025, the permit had unpaid Department invoices over 30 days past due and was therefore in violation of the county cannabis ordinance and the conditions of your permit, and as a result your permit would be suspended on March 3, 2025 if the past due balance is not brought to current. A Suspension means that NO cannabis activities will be allowed until the permit is brought back into good standing by addressing the deficiencies.

On March 7, 2025, the Department sent you a Notification of Cannabis Permit Suspension due to non-payment of Department invoiced costs in accordance with the provisions of HCC §312-14.1. The Notification stated that no cannabis cultivation activities are allowed until the permit has been brought back into good standing by addressing the deficiencies within 90-days of the date of the letter, which was June 5, 2025. If, at the end of the 90-day period from the date of the letter the permit has not been restored to good standing by the Department, the letter indicated that the permit would be scheduled for a revocation hearing at the Board of Supervisors.

On August 6, 2025, the Department conducted an annual compliance inspection of the site and confirmed that approximately 47,000 sf of cultivation was occurring in both approved and unapproved areas on the approved site plan. The cultivation was occurring with a suspended permit, and compliance items noted in the 2024 inspection had not yet been completed. This cultivation is not permitted and must be removed and destroyed immediately.

Due to these violations of regulations, the Department will be scheduling a hearing with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) with a recommendation of permit revocation. Please be aware that you will be responsible for all costs associated with the hearing. Alternately, you may elect to withdraw the CUP. If the Department does not receive a written request to withdraw the CUP and restore the site within ten days from the date of this letter, which is August 25, 2025, a hearing will be scheduled with the BOS.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at (707) 268-3779 or at jdorris@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joshua Dorris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joshua Dorris
Senior Planner