

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-014

Project Location - Specific: The subject site is located on the on the south side of Avenue 306, quarter (0.25) mile west of Road 204, north of Exeter, APN 112-230-046.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 23, Township 18S, Range 26E

Project Location - City: Rural Valley Land Plan, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project is to allow additional craft distiller (Type 74 ABC license) on existing winery operation. This license authorizes the commercial manufacture of up to 150,000 gallons of distilled spirits per fiscal year, and allows the packaging, blending, mixing, flavoring, coloring, labeling, and exportation of distilled spirits manufactured by the licensee. The direct beneficiaries are the property owners.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 pertaining to existing facilities.


Reasons why project is exempt: Based on Supporting CEQA Analysis for this Project, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, pertaining to existing facilities; MIM 25-017 is to add a distilling service on already approved entitlement and no other projects proposed. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301, Class 1, is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

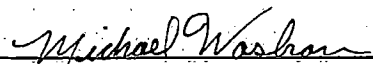
Project Planner/Representative: Nebeyu D. Menkir Planner II

Telephone: (559) 624-7183

Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 5/12/2025

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 5/12/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

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