

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare Ranch South
Robert Aukeman (Owner)
17781 Road 96
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 737-1411

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-010

Project Location - Specific: 17297 Road 96, Tulare, CA 93274 (APN 228-090-009)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 15, Township 21S, Range 24E

Project Location - City: Tulare, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Applicant, Tulare Ranch South, is applying to construct a new 80-stall rotary milk barn, a 160' x 100' holding pen shade structure, one (1) freestall barn, a half freestall barn, extend a hospital barn and to expand two (2) corral shades located on site. The beneficiary of the project is the Applicant.

Exempt Status: (check one)


Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

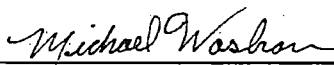
Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, accessory structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences in this instance, the proposed construction of a new 80-stall rotary milk barn, a 160' x 100' holding pen shade structure, one (1) freestall barn, a half freestall barn, extension of a hospital barn and the expansion of two (2) corral shades will an accessory use to the existing dairy facility on this property as noted earlier. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 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: Jose Saenz, Planner IV, Project Planner **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 5/29/2025 Title: Chief Planner,
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 06/02/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____