


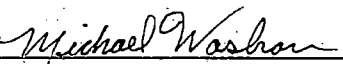
Additionally, the project site has already been highly disturbed by historical industrial operations at the facility, which have been occurring for decades, and therefore has little to no value as a wildlife habitat. No areas with natural vegetation and/or habitat would be disturbed as a result of the project. Therefore, the project would not adversely affect environmental resources, specifically candidate, sensitive, or special-status species. The proposed project would reduce vehicle emissions as it would eliminate approximately 25 to 50 truckloads per year that are currently transporting excess mineral oil off-site from Simplot's Traver Facility to Reedley. Therefore, implementation of the project would result in a new decrease in overall air and GHG emissions. Thus, it would not result in a cumulatively considerable increase in air pollutants. For these reasons, the project would not result in a significant air quality or transportation impact.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Project Planner Jose Saenz, Planner IV **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

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Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 06/11/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

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Applicant(s): Simplot Grower Solutions
PO Box 99
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Project Title: Special Use Permit No. PSP 24-058

Project Location - Specific: Simplot Grower Solutions, 6624 Burke Drive, Kingsburg, CA 93631 (APN 040-020-034)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 16, Township 17S, Range 23E

Project Location - City: Traver, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Applicant, Simplot Grower Solutions, is requesting to amend Special Use Permit No. PSP 91-054 and allow the expansion of an existing fertilizer and agricultural chemical storage facility by adding four (4), 29-500-gallon, mineral oil tanks, located in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zone. Currently, Simplot's existing tank farm is operating at capacity, and as a result, they are transporting approximately 25 to 50 truckloads per year of excess mineral oil to Reedley, California, where it is temporarily stored and then transported back to the Facility for processing. Therefore, to minimize the need to transport excess mineral oils to their more distant Reedley facility, Simplot is proposing to relocate four tanks to their Traver property and install/operate them in an approximately 1.15-acre area of the existing facility. The Applicant and anyone utilizing their services are the beneficiaries of this project.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 32 Section 15332 In-Fill Development Projects

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15332 Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects. The 2,500 square-foot project site, on which the Applicant is proposing to expand the facility's existing tank farm area, within the Traver Urban Development Boundary, with a land use designation of Light Industrial per the Tulare County General Plan, and is zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing). The proposed project is an acceptable land use per these County designations and is consistent with the existing industrial nature of the parcel and the surrounding area. The proposed project is entirely within the boundaries of Simplot's existing active agrichemical facility and would not expand operations beyond this existing boundary. Furthermore, the Project does not require changes to the County's existing General Plan or Zoning designations, nor would the project conflict with any land use designations or land use plans in order to mitigate an environmental effect.