

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Louie Tristao
12212 Avenue 176
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 509-4461

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-017, Louie Tristao

Project Location - Specific: 12212 Avenue 176, Tulare, CA 93274 (APN 232-060-016)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 8, Township 21S, Range 25E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Notice of Exemption for Minor Modification No. MIM 25-017 for the allowance to update the site plan to add a new milk parlor to the existing established Dairy Facility, in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) Zone, within the Rural Valley Lands Plan, with the Land Use Designation of Valley Agriculture.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**


Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15061 (b)(3), The Common Sense Rule, whereas the allowance to update the site plan can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This is because the Minor Modification is merely updating a site plan to allow the addition of a new milk parlor to the existing Dairy Facility to the existing Special Use Permit, in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) Zone, within the Rural Valley Lands Plan, with the Land Use Designation of Valley Agriculture, which was approved by Special Use Permit No. 73-014 (PC). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) is applicable and appropriate for this project.


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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: David Alexander, Planner III

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Signature:  Date: 6/24/2025 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 06/24/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____