

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Visalia, CA 93291

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**Applicant(s):** Tri Palm Dairy  
Richard Westra (Owner)  
4070 Avenue 256  
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 686-7391

**Project Title:** Minor Modification No. MIM 25-007  
**Project Location - Specific:** 2429 Idaho Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230 (APNs 147-020-018 and 147-020-019)  
**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 20, Township 19S, Range 23E  
**Project Location - City:** Hanford, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Applicant, Tri Palm Dairy (Richard Westra, Owner), is requesting a decrease in herd size by 1,571 animal units, with the total animal units to be reduced to zero animal units. The requested decrease in herd size will be attained through the consolidation of animal units and transferring them from the Tri Palm Dairy to Decade Dairy (ID#359), a permitted dairy under PSP 99-121 located at 3313 Avenue 256, Tulare, CA. Minor Modification No. MIM 25-008 has been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring them from Tri Palm Dairy to Decade Dairy. The beneficiary of the project is for the Applicant.

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15301 Existing Facilities**

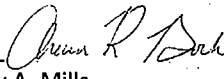
**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. In this instance, the proposal includes the transfer of animals from one existing dairy facility to another. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

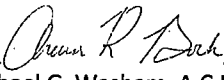
**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Tulare

**Project Planner/Representative:** Jose Saenz, Planner IV, Project Planner

**Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Planning Director For Date: 6.18.25  
Gary A. Mills

Title: Chief Planner,  
Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Planning Director For Date: 6.18.25  
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_

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