

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Applicant(s):** Calgren Dairy Fuels, LLC  
11704 Road 120, P.O. Box E  
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**Project Title:** Minor Modification No. MIM 25-029, Calgren Dairy Fuels, LLC

**Project Location - Specific:** 13213 Road 80 (APN 293-060-004)

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 8, Township 22S, Range 24E

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Notice of Exemption for Minor Modification No. MIM 25-029 for the allowance to update the site plan to install a Covered Lagoon Digester, a Sand Lane, and a Biogas Blower Skid 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 installation of a Covered Lagoon Digester, a Sand Lane, and a Biogas Blower Skid to the existing established 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 were approved by Special Use Permit No. 87-058 (PC). The use has already been through a CEQA review by way of an approved Negative Declaration, that was approved by the Tulare County Planning Commission on April 9, 1991, Resolution No. 6393. 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:** Brandy Villarreal, MPA – Planner I Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 7/8/2025 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 7/8/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee  
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

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