

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov and jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicant(s): Cross Creek Dairy
Gerben Leyendekker (Owner)
8517 Avenue 360
Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 805-0050

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-020
Project Location - Specific: 10167 Avenue 352, Visalia, CA 93291 (APNs 048-030-005 and 048-110-006)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 26, Township 17S, Range 24E
Project Location - City: Visalia, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Applicant, Cross Creek Dairy (Gerben Leyendekker, Owner), is requesting a decrease in herd size by 1,377 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 Cross Creek Dairy to East View Dairy (ID#138), a permitted dairy under PSP 89-108 (ZA) located at 10485 Avenue 352, Visalia, CA. Minor Modification No. MIM 25-019 has been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring them from Cross Creek Dairy to East View 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:  Date: 7/22/2025 Title: Chief Planner,
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 7/22/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

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