

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Scheenstra, John & Jacqueline
16800 Road 96
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 280-0600

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-036, John Scheenstra
Project Location - Specific: 16800 Road 96, Tulare, CA 93274 (APN 228-090-005, & 228-160-034)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 14, Township 21S, 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 25-036 to allow the addition of two new freestalls, a shade structure, and a rotary barn 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));
[x] 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 to allow the addition of two new freestalls, a shade structure, and a rotary barn 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. PSP 96-098 (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 09, 1997, Resolution No. 7586. 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: Brenda Alcantar, Planner I Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature: Gary A Mills Date: 8/19/2025 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: Michael G. Washam Date: 8/19/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

[x] Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: