

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Austin Moons
5061 Avenue 280
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7132

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-023, Austin Moons
Project Location - Specific: 4974 Avenue 272, Visalia, CA, 93292 (APN 118-040-011)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 10, Township 19S, Range 23E
Project Location - City: Visalia, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Notice of Exemption for Minor Modification No. MIM 25-023 to allow the addition of two freestall barns and two corral shades 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:

- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies


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 freestall barns and two corral shades 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 93-089 (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 January 26, 1994, Resolution No. 7214. 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: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Brenda Alcantar, Planner I

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Signature: 
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Date: 8/25/2025

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 8/21/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

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