NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Applicant(s): Verizon Wireless
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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-040, Toshiko Bunch
Project Location - Specific: 4022 Avenue 50, Alpaugh, CA 93201 (APN 311-110-001)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 34, Township 23S, Range 23E
Project Location - City: Alpaugh, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Notice of Exemption for Minor Modification No. MIM 25-040 to allow the addition of a shade structure to the existing established Telecommunications 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 a shade structure to the existing established Telecommunications 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 16-001 (PC). The use has already been through a CEQA review by way of an approved Categorical Exemption, that was approved by the Tulare County Planning Commission on May 11, 2016, Resolution No. 9190. 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 **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature: Gary A Mills Date: 8/25/2025 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Michael Washam Date: 08/21/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____