NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): John Dykstra
6801 Avenue 176
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 707-2073

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-041, John Dykstra

Project Location - Specific: John Dykstra, Tulare, CA 93274 (APN 228-030-001)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 18, Township 21S, Range 24E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Notice of Exemption for Minor Modification No. MIM 25-041 for the allowance to update the site plan Install Two 102 x 918 Freestall Covers, Two 52 x 879 Freestall Covers, and One 110 x 110 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));
- ☐ Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3);
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 (c)(2)**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15168 (c)(2), which states a proposed expansion of an existing bovine dairy would not require a subsequent Environmental Impact Report, 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 Install Two 102 x 918 Freestall Covers, Two 52 x 879 Freestall Covers, and One 110 x 110 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. 21-066 (AA). The use has already been through a CEQA review, that was approved by the Tulare County Planning Director on October 28, 2021 Resolution No. 0652, Recording Document No. 2021-0092743. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15168 (c)(2) 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: 9/3/2025 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature: _____ For Date: 9.3.25 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____