NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Applicant(s): Verizon Wireless
2770 Shadelands Drive, Bldg 11
Walnut Creek, Ca 94598 (916) 704-0897

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-038, Verizon Wireless
Project Location - Specific: 8836 Road 128, Pixley, CA 93256 (APN 314-100-001)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 4, Township 23S, Range 25E
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 25-038 for the allowance to update the site plan to install a shade structure over existing ground mount equipment to the existing established Telecommunications Wireless 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**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, 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 a shade structure over existing ground mount equipment to the existing established Telecommunications Wireless 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. 18-099 (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 February 25, 2019, Resolution No. 9581, Recording Document No. 2019-0018245. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 Class 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: Brandy Villarreal, MPA Planner I **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

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

Signature: Michael Washam Date: 08/25/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

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