

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Wonderful Citrus
4050 7th Standard Road
Shafter, CA 93263 (661)-809-1553

Project Title: PSP 25-076 – Wonderful Citrus

Project Location - Specific: The site is located within an existing agricultural operation on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs 052-090-002, 052-100-008, and 052-100-009), on the east side of the intersection of Avenue 356 and Road 160, in unincorporated Tulare County.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 24, Township 17S, Range 25E

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves the installation of one (1) above -ground 30,000-gallon propane tank storage tank and associated underground gas lines to supply fuel for orchard frost protection equipment (wind machines). The system will support existing agricultural operations and will not expand or intensify current land use activities. The beneficiary of the project is the Applicant.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Common Sense Exemption: 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 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies**

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is categorically exempt under **Section 15303 (Class 3)** of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, which applies to the installation of small-scale utility facilities and accessory structures. The installation of a single propane tank and related gas lines for frost protection constitutes a minor alteration of existing agricultural use.


In addition, the project qualifies for a **Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))** since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed installation is located within an existing orchard operation, far removed from residences or sensitive receptors, and will not: increase employment, operating hours, or site activity; generate additional traffic or require roadway improvements; modify parking areas or circulation; introduce new noise, light, or air quality impacts. The project is consistent with the site's General Plan Agricultural designation and Zoning and is intended solely to support ongoing agricultural production.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

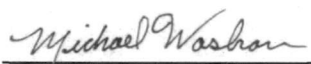
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Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 10/22/2025

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 

Date: 10/22/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____