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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning & Research
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FROM: San Joaquin County
Community Development Department
1810 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: Time Extension No. PA-2500035

Project Location - Specific: The project site is on the southwest corner of S. Murphy Road and Aveena Road, Escalon. (APN/Address: 203-120-11 / 13773 S. Murphy Rd., Escalon) (Supervisorial District: 4)

Project Location – City: Escalon

Project Location – County: San Joaquin County

Project Description: 2 -Year Time Extension application for approved Site Approval No. PA-1800315 for a manure digester project. The manure digester facility will be installed on an 18-acre portion of a 237.48 acre parcel at an existing dairy, Vander Schaaf Dairy #3. The manure digester facility will capture greenhouse gases from manure waste and convert the greenhouse gases to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). The manure feeding the digester will be supplied by the onsite dairy, Vander Schaaf Dairy #1 located 0.5 miles north of the project site, and off-site "donor" dairies. The RNG will be picked up by outside truck hauling companies 7 days per week. The resulting separated solids from the project will be sold as fertilizer and trucked offsite daily.

The Property is zoned AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum) and the General Plan designation is A/G (General Agriculture).

Project Proponent(s): Vander Schaaaf Dairy #3 / Steve Vommelje

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin County Community Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alisa Goulart, Associate Planner
San Joaquin County Community Development Department

Exemption Status:
General Exemptions. (Processed under the provisions of California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(3), which are exempt from CEQA.

Exemption Reason:
This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). Section 15061(b)(3) states that "CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it 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." There is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, the project is not subject to CEQA.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Signature: _____ Date: 11/14/25

Name: Gerardo Altamirano Title: Deputy County Clerk

Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR: 11/14/25

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