

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Lead Agency: Tulare County c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Larry J. Ritchie Family Limited Partnership
On the northwest corner of Avenue 245 and Road 216
Lindsay, CA 93247 559-624-7000

Project Title: Agricultural Diminishment No. PAD 26-001 - Ritchie
Project Location - Specific: On the northeast corner of North Kelsey Street and Wet Riggan Avenue, within the City Limits of Visalia (APNs 077-840-004, 005, and 006)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 16, Township 18S, Range 24E
Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors has received a request (PAD 26-001) for the diminishment of Agricultural Preserve No. 293, consisting of three (3) parcels totaling 279.73-acres owned by Jeffrey B Ritchie Family Limited Partnership. A Notice of Nonrenewal (WAN 21-013) was filed and was approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on August 2, 2022, by Resolution No. 2022-0677. Tentative Cancellation (WAC 22-002) was approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on November 29, 2022, by Resolution No. 2022-1005. The beneficiaries of the project will be the citizens of Tulare County and City of Visalia.


Exempt Status: (check one)


- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines**: Section 15305, Class 5, Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations that do not result in the changes in land use or density
- Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations, Section 15305, Class 5, Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations. The basis for the exemption is that the proposed project will not result in any changes to land use or density. Therefore, the Lead Agency finds that the application of CEQA Section 15305 is applicable and appropriate for this Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Russell Kashiwa, Project Planner Telephone: (559) 624-7110

Signature:  Date: 4/7/2026 Title: Chief Planner,
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 04/07/2026 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

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