

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Traver Cattle Ranch
Gerben Leyendekker (Owner)
8517 Avenue 360
Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 805-0010

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 26-012

Project Location - Specific: 3212 Avenue 352, Traver, CA 93673 (APNs: 042-050-009 and 042-050-012)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 20, Township 17S, Range 23E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Applicant, Traver Cattle Ranch (Gerben Leyendekker, Owner), is requesting to allow for commercial composting on an existing dairy feedlot site. The beneficiary of the project is the Applicant.

Exempt Status: (check one)

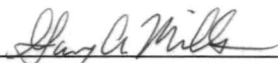
Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. In this instance, the proposal includes the addition of commercial composting on an existing dairy feedlot facility as noted earlier. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Jose Saenz, Planner IV, Project Planner Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 4/28/2026 Title: Chief Planner,
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 4/28/2026 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

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