

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

From: (Public Agency): _____
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Fresno
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

(Address)

Project Title: Revised WDRs for Setton Pistachio and Porterville Citrus Terra Bella Processing Facilities

Project Applicant: Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. and Porterville Citrus, Inc.

Project Location - Specific:

9370 Road 234, Terra Bella, CA 93636

Project Location - City: Terra Bella Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The revised Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) will regulate the discharge of pistachio- and citrus-processing wastewater generated by the Setton Pistachio and Porterville Citrus facilities in Terra Bella (collectively, the Terra Bella Processing Facilities). The updated WDRs authorize a maximum daily and total annual discharge of pistachio process wastewater of 3.0 mgd and 80 million gallons, respectively, and allow a maximum daily discharge of citrus process wastewater of up to 0.08 mgd.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. and Porterville Citrus, Inc.

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 - Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

To the extent that this Order authorizes any changes to the Facilities' treatment systems or operations, such authorization is exempt from further CEQA review because those changes constitute minor alterations to an existing facility with minimal or no expansion of the uses contemplated in the 2024 EIR adopted by Tulare County. The WDRs only authorize the discharge of process wastewater to existing ponds and existing irrigated agricultural lands.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Alex Mushegan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-488-4397

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Alexander Mushegan  Digitally signed by Alexander Mushegan
Date: 2026.06.10 13:58:28 -07'00' Date: 06/10/2026 Title: Supervising Engineer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____