

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Madera

From: (Public Agency): Madera County Public Works
200 West Fourth Street, Suite 3100
Madera, CA 936376

(Address)

Project Title: ZP #2026-005

Project Applicant: Sukhvinder Bhajal

Project Location - Specific:

13510 Road 18 1/2, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Proposed agricultural commodity fumigation operation on APN 023-100-014 utilizing methyl bromide, phosphine, and sulfuryl fluoride. All fumigation activities will be conducted within commodity containers on the parcel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Madera County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Advanced IPM

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), the project consists of an agricultural commodity fumigation operation utilizing existing facilities on APN 023-100-014 and will be conducted exclusively within commodity containers. The project does not involve any new construction, expansion of existing facilities, or other physical alterations to the site.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nathaniel Findley

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-675-7821

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: Nathaniel Findley Date: 6/15/2026 Title: Planner I

☒ 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: _____