

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Sitos Treehouse Plant, LLC
40410 Arroyo Seco Rd
Soledad, CA 93960, (559) 288-4986

Project Title: Minor Modification – MIM 26-006 to PSP 25-033

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located at 2115 Rd. 144, Delano, CA 93215, west of Road 144, approximately two (2) miles north of County Line Road in the City of Delano, and one-half mile east of State Highway 99 (APN: 336-040-024).

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: S1/2 Section 22, Township 24S, Range 25E

Project Location - City: Delano

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit No. PSP 25-033, allowed a bioenergy facility, converting almond shells into biochar, on a 5.28-acre portion of a parcel within the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 Acre Minimum) Zone. The requested minor modification MIM 26-006 is to allow for a division of land in compliance with Tulare County Zoning Ordinance Section 9.6.E.20, for parcels less than 20 acres containing agricultural-related industries or services. The beneficiaries of the Project would be the applicant and property owner.

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities**

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is categorically exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15301 pertaining to Existing Facilities. The use of 15301 is applicable and appropriate as there is no expansion to the intent of the project. Furthermore, there is no new available information of substantial importance relating to the project, which was not known, nor could have been known in the exercise of reasonable diligence, when the previous environmental document was approved. Therefore, the lead agency concludes that the proposed Project fits under the exemption as it is consistent with the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance and General Plan.

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

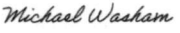
Project Planner/Representative: Emily Gage

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Signature: 
Aaron R. Bock

Date: 29/06/2026

Title: Assistant Director,
Economic Development and Planning

Signature: 
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 29/06/2026

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

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