

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus

1021 I Street, Suite 101

Modesto, CA 95354

From: (Public Agency): Reclamation District 2092

3599 Shiloh Road

Modesto, CA 95358

(Address)

Project Title: Hidden Valley Dairy Facility Removal

Project Applicant: River Partners

Project Location - Specific:

8601 Dos Rios Lane, Modesto CA 95358

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

An existing vacant agricultural dairy facility in various stages of disrepair will be demolished and removed from a GEN-AG-40 zoned property in western Stanislaus County. Polebarns, fencing, accessory storage structures, manure infrastructure, concrete pads, aboveground utility connections and debris will be removed. Minimum extent of grading and backfilling necessary to demolish and restore existing grades, with no fill import. The site will be left in undeveloped condition with no subsequent development planned. The purpose is to remove the obsolete structures from the floodplain to benefit the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District 2092

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: River Partners

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: 15061(b)(3) Common Sense, 15301 Ex. Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) and §15061(b)(3) (Common Sense), as none of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. The project will reduce development extent and land-use intensity, remove obsolete improvements, and reduce resource use. With-project there will be a net decrease in traffic, water use, wastewater generation and air emissions. The structures have no known historical value. Timing and work measures will minimize potential for impacts to biological resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Neil Wilson, Secretary of RD2092 Board

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-262-7944

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: Neil Wilson Date: 7/8/2026 Title: Secretary of RD2092 Board

▪ 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: _____