

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.
Merced, CA 95340

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County of Merced
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Project Title: General Plan Amendment #24-06 Env. Rev. #26-0068

Project Applicant: City of Merced

Project Location (Specific): City of Merced **APN:** multiple

Project Location - City: Merced **Project Location - County:** Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes the certification and adoption of the Merced County Multijurisdictional Housing Element and Appendix G - City of Merced's 6th Cycle Housing Element for 2024-2032. The Housing Element is one of the seven required elements of the General Plan. Adoption of the Housing Element will not include the approval of any specific projects. This also includes a zoning ordinance amendment to meet the State requirements for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. Projects proposed because of the Element's adoption will be evaluated for specific impacts before their approval and development. This project benefits the City of Merced and its residents.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Leah Brown

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:
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: 15162.
- ☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project had a General Plan EIR Addendum prepared and adopted in April 2025, the current action is exempt per Section 15162, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project since no substantial changes are proposed for the project since the adopted addendum.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

Contact Person: Leah Brown **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 385-6858

Signature:  **Date:** 06/05/2026 **Title:** Senior Planner

 X Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____
(If applicable)