

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
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: SB 244 Analysis **Env. Rev.** ER-26-0077

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:

This project consists of a report for information purposes on the Disadvantaged Urban Communities near the City of Merced.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Leah Brown for City of Merced

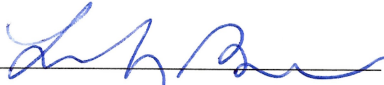
Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ X Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: Section 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____.
- ☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the current action is exempt per Section 15306 because it is strictly for information gathering purposes or part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

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

Signature:  **Date:** 07/9/2026 **Title:** Senior Planner

 X Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____
(If applicable)