

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 26-018 to Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-015 (PC)

Project Location - Specific: APN: 228-090-009; the site is located at 17211 Road 96, on the west side of Road 96, approximately 1.50 miles south of Avenue 184, south of Tulare.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 15, Township 21S, Range 24E

Project Location - City: Tulare, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare (unincorporated area)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This Minor Modification No. MIM 26-018 to Special Use Permit No. PSP 18-015 (PC), to modify the approved special use permit resolution to allow the installation of four (4) mainspring linear generators, 2000 amp bolt switch, switch rack and isolated transformer for electrical power generation, four (4) sea trains (existing), security fencing and to expand the lot area by 17,400 sq. ft., of an existing biogas upgrading facility (private utility structure and transmission pipelines) on a 3.40-acre portion of a 438.65-acre parcel in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 acre minimum) Zone.

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));
- ☐ Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

Reasons why project is exempt: Under CEQA, Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The activity is consistent with this exemption because the proposal will allow the installation of four (4) mainspring linear generators, 2000-amp bolt switch, switch rack and isolated transformer for electrical power generation, four (4) sea trains, security fencing and to expand the lot area by 17,400 sq. ft. of an existing biogas upgrading facility (private utility structure and transmission pipelines) on a 3.40-acre portion of a 438.65-acre parcel. Therefore, the use of CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures is applicable and appropriate.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare **Project Planner/Representative:** Frances Tirado-Garcia

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Date: 8/31/2026

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Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 
Aaron R. Bock

Date: 8/31/2026

Title: Assistant RMA Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____