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
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
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Applicant(s): Sierra View Dairy
Ken De Groot (Owner)
13376 Avenue 224
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 686-6942

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 26-025
Project Location - Specific: 13376 Avenue 224, Tulare, CA 93274 (APNs 195-120-001, 195-120-027 and 195-120-029)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 9, Township 20S, Range 25E
Project Location - City: Tulare, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Applicant, Sierra View Dairy, is requesting approval to allow for the construction and operation of an anaerobic digester, a biogas conditioning plant, and a low-pressure biogas pipeline for connection to an existing biogas collection and upgrading system and will not change or increase the amount of permitted animal units on this existing dairy site. The beneficiary of the project is the Applicant.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, in this instance, the proposed construction and operation of an anaerobic digester, a biogas conditioning plant, and a low-pressure biogas pipeline for connection to an existing biogas collection and upgrading system for an existing dairy facility as noted earlier. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Jose Saenz, Planner IV, Project Planner **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 09/09/26 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Aaron Bock (Sep 9, 2026 16:07:39 PDT) FOR Date: 09/09/26 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: