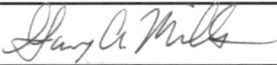


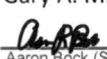
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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: David Alexander, Entitlement and CEQA Planner III

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Satinder Singh Malhi
1261 N. Mariposa Avenue
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Project Title: Grandfathering Determination No. MIM 26-034, Malhi

Project Location - Specific: 1261 N. Mariposa Avenue, Visalia, CA 93292, APN No. 127-040-026.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 2, Township 19S, Range 25E

Project Location - City: Visalia, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Grandfathering Determination for the ability to operate a convenience market in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 Acre Minimum) Zone. Evidence includes: A Commercial Building Record from 2005, and a Google Street View showing the established convenience store existing since August of 2007.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)**
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (e)(2)**
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**

Reasons why project is exempt: T CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) provides that an activity is exempt where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. MIM 26-034 only acknowledges the continued lawful operation of an existing convenience market as a pre-existing/grandfathered use; it does not authorize construction, expansion, intensification, or other physical change. Accordingly, the common sense exemption applies. The action is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The determination concerns continued operation of the existing convenience market with no expansion of use authorized by this action. The County has considered the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 and determined that none apply. This NOE is limited to the grandfathering determination; any future physical improvements are not approved by MIM 26-034 and would be subject to separate permit and CEQA review, as applicable.