

Notice of Exemption

Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk-Recorder

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Madera

200 W 4th Street

Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): City of Madera

205 W 4th Street

Madera, CA 93637

(Address)

Project Title: The Almond Company Fumigation and Storage Buildings Project

Project Applicant: The Almond Company

Project Location - Specific:

2900 Airport Drive, Madera, CA 93637

Project Location - City: Madera

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would construct a new sidestream facility, a new ultraviolet disinfection facility, and a new electrical building at the City of Manteca's Wastewater Quality Control Facility. The purpose of the proposed sidestream treatment facility is to reduce the nitrogen loads that are returned to the headworks from the dewatering centrate. The new ultraviolet disinfection facility and associated electrical building would be designed to efficiently meet the permitted disinfection levels under all operating conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Madera

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jim Kopshever

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: Sec.15332

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project would be characterized as in-fill development and would be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as noted in Title 14 – California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3 – Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, Article 19 – Categorical Exemptions, Section 15332. See the Categorical Exemption Report for more information.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Will Tackett

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-661-5451

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/16/2026 Title: Community Development Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
20-10162026-070

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF MADERA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jbartel@madera.gov	DATE 10/16/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MADERA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026070	

PROJECT TITLE
THE ALMOND COMPANY FUMIGATION AND STORAGE BUILDINGS PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME THE ALMOND COMPANY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jim@thealmondcompany.com	PHONE NUMBER (559) 260-6318
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2900 AIRPORT DRIVE	CITY MADERA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93637

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	

☒ Exempt from fee☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$50.00

SIGNATURE

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Mary Perlongo, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder