NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Tulare County c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd
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Attn: CEQA@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicant: Maria Elena Manquero
39418 Road 136
Cutler, CA 93615 (559) 624-7000

Project Title: Use Permit No. PSP 26-065 (AA)

Project Location - Specific: APN: 035-210-004; the site is located at 39418 Road 136, on the east side of Road 136, approximately 1,000 feet south of Avenue 396, southeast of Cutler.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 28, Township 16S, Range 25E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit No. PSP 26-065 (AA) to allow the establishment of a second residence (duplex) on a 10.00-acre parcel in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural - 40 acre minimum) Zone. The beneficiary of the Project is the land owner.

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 Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (b)**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

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. Subsection (b) allows a duplex or similar multi-family residential structure totaling no more than four dwelling units. Therefore, the use of CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (b) is applicable and appropriate. The project is compatible with this exemption in that the special use permit will allow the establishment of a second residential unit (duplex) on the subject site.

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Frances Tirado-Garcia

Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature: _____ Date: 11-18-26 Title: Chief Planner
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature: _____ Date: 11/18/26 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LUCI/SCH: _____