

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): San Benito Co. Resource Mgmt.  
2301 Technology Parkway  
Hollister, CA 95023-2513

County Clerk

County of: San Benito  
440 5<sup>th</sup> Street Room 206  
Hollister, CA 95023-3843

(Address)

Project Title: PLN210020 (Use Permit)

Project Applicant: Tony Faria, 805 Orchard Rd., Hollister, Cal.,

Project Location - Specific: 31.07-acre property (Assessor's Parcel 016-090-026)

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: San Benito

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A use permit for accessory use of drywall business restricted scope of onsite operations of storage of (5) company vehicles, storage of supplemental supplies in existing shop, and maintain a home office.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Benito Co. Resource Management Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tony Faria

Exempt Status: (check one):

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15301 and §15304(a)

Reasons why project is exempt: Finding: Pursuant to San Benito County Local Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this project qualifies for an exemption from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemptions (California Code of Regulations §15301 and §15304(a)).

Evidence: Sections §15301 Existing Facilities consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing or former use. The use of an existing room for a home office is a permitted use. The additional parking spaces for truck parking is a conditional use of the property and is a minor alteration to the existing agricultural operation. The existing barn used for the agricultural operation will continue to operate as such and the utilization of a small portion for storage of non-hazardous materials for the drywall business will provide negligible expansion of the existing use. Section §15304(a) Minor Alterations to Land exemptions consists of "grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent." The site is proposing minimal driveway and parking improvements. Aggregate Base will be utilized for the equipment storage, additional parking area, paths around the exiting building, and for the emergency access, which will provide safe year-round access. The proposed aggregate base access will also be used for carrying out agricultural activities and contribute to store agricultural equipment's as well. All existing and proposed driveways will be surfaced with an all-weather surface for, provided access for all emergency vehicles serving the business on the property.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

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: Arielle Goodspeed Date: August 20, 2021 Title: Senior Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant