

# Notice of Exemption

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**Applicant(s):** Cordeniz Feedlot  
3999 N. Blackstone Street  
Tulare, CA 93274  
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**Project Title:** Minor Modification No. MIM 21-023 and Research Request No. REA 21-032 for MLD 73-053.

**Project Location - Specific:** APN 149-220-009 located at 3999 N. Blackstone Street, Tulare, CA.

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian.  
**Project Location - City:** The project site is located in the unincorporated area of Tulare County, on the southwest corner of E. Oakdale Avenue and N. Blackstone Street.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Minor Modification to MDL 73-053 proposes the permanent closure of the Cordeniz Feedlot (ID# 053) which will result in the herd consolidation of 450 animal units that are to be transferred from the Cordeniz Feedlot to the Blue Moon Dairy (ID# 28, MDL 73-032), which is located at 13213 Road 80, Tipton, CA, in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural Zone – 20 Acre Minimum) Zone. The consolidation will not increase or decrease the number of animal units permitted within Tulare County. The herd size at the Cordeniz Feedlot will be reduced to zero and the facility will close. The animal units that are transferred to the Blue Moon Dairy will be limited in operation within compliance requirements of the Tulare County Animal Confinement Facilities Plan, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Permits to Operate, and other affected public agencies, as necessary and proper.


**Exempt Status: (check one)**


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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project site is an existing grandfathered feedlot of an allowable use in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural- 20 Acre Minimum) Zone. Section 15301 is appropriate and applicable since the project will reduce the herd size to zero on the existing bovine facility footprint.

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

**Project Planner:** Sandy Roper **Area Code/Telephone:** (559) 624-7101

Signature:  Date: 01/18/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 1/18/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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