

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Pavel & Laura Finatean
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Project Title: Special Use Permit No. PSP 21-074

Project Location - Specific: The project sited is located at 43705 North Fork Drive, in the unincorporated community of Three Rivers, CA (APN: 066-010-007)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 28, Township 23S, Range 23E

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit No. PSP 21-074 requests to breed up to 350 adult Spanish Goats to graze year-round on a rotational basis on a 160-acre parcel located in the AE-80 (Exclusive Agricultural – 80 Acre Minimum) Zone. In addition, the applicant proposes to have up to 20 cows, 5 equine, and 2 swine. Livestock Guardian animals (including but not limited to dogs and donkeys) would be utilized to protect the herd against predators. Within the first year, as part of the initial phase of the project, the applicant proposes to put partitions in the existing corrals (where the goats are penned at night for predator protection) and build a pole barn (not more than 2,500 square feet) for shelter and hay storage. Also, the initial phase may or may not include up to three (3) shade structures and/or running waterlines to the pole barn or the three shade structures, to water the animals in various pasture locations. The second phase will occur in the second year and the applicant proposes to build an Ag shop (not more than 2,500 square feet). This building would include utilities.

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(c) New Construction or Conversion of Existing Structures and not exceeding 2,500 square feet.
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The use of Section 15303(c) is applicable and appropriate because the project proposes to utilize existing pasture and hillside for the grazing operation and put partitions in the existing corrals (where the goats are penned at night for predator protection) and build a pole barn (not more than 2,500 square feet) for shelter and hay storage. Also, the initial phase may or may not include up to three (3) shade structures and/or running waterlines to the pole barn or the three shade structures, to water the animals in various pasture locations. The second phase will occur in the second year and the applicant proposes to build an Ag shop (not more than 2,500 square feet). This building would include utilities.

February 2, 2022


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DATE SUBMITTED TO STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

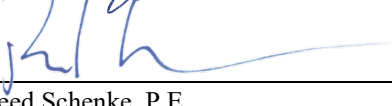
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Signature: 
Hector Guerra

Date: 02/01/22

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 2/2/22

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency