

Notice of Exemption

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Applicant(s): Blue Moon Dairy
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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 21-047 and Research Request No. REA 21-075
Project Location - Specific: The project sited is located at 13213 Road 80, Tipton, CA (APN: 293-060-004).
Project Location - Section, Township, Range: Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian
Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification No. MIM 21-047 proposes a herd consolidation to transfer 1,350 animal units to the Blue Moon Dairy (ID# 258, PSP 87-058). Minor Modification No. MIM 21-023 and Research Request No. REA 21-032 has been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring 450 animal units from the Cordeniz Feedlot to the Blue Moon Dairy. Minor Modification No. MIM 21-050 and Research Request No. REA 21-079 has been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring 900 animal units from the Mercedes Heifer Ranch to the Blue Moon Dairy. Innovative Ag Services, LLC has provided documentation as the agent of the property owner and will be assisting in the animal unit transfer for Minor Modification No. MIM 21-047 and Research Request No. REA 21-075 at the Blue Moon Dairy.

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: CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061 (b)(3)) (No Possibility of Significant Impact);
- Categorical Exemption: Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Guideline § 15301, Class 1 pertaining to Existing Facilities;
- Categorical Exemption: Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Guideline § 15303, Class 3 pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures;
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project is exempt from CEQA: The project site is an existing bovine dairy that is an allowable use in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural- 40 Acre Minimum) Zone. Section 15301 is appropriate and applicable since the project will result in a herd consolidation by transferring animal units from the Cordeniz Feedlot (450 animal units) and the Mercedes Heifer Ranch (900 animal units) to the Blue Moon Dairy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity/Project: County of Tulare Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative San dy Roper Area Code/Telephone: (559) 624-7101

Signature:  Date: 01/14/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature:  Date: 2/7/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

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