

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Decade Dairy
3313 Avenue 256
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 804-6809

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 21-040 and Research Request No. REA 21-067

Project Location - Specific: 3313 Avenue 256, Tulare, CA (APN: 147-010-015).

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 29, Township 19S., Range 23E 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 21-040 and Research Request No. REA 21-067 requests a herd consolidation to transfer 2,895 animal units to the Decade Dairy (ID# 359, PSP 99-121), increasing the herd size from 4,989 AU to 7,884 AU. MIM 21-040 also requests to permit the ability to commercially compost at this facility and to drop the milk cow restriction of the permitted herd. **No physical changes will be made to the existing bovine facility (i.e, the project does not include the construction of any new structures).** The requested increase in herd size will be attained through the consolidation of animal units and transferring them from the Valley View East Dairy (transfer of 400 animal units) and the Church Dairy (transfer of 2,495 animal units) to the Decade 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 Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: 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 Valley View East Dairy (400 animal units) and the Church Dairy (2,495 animal units) to the Decade Dairy.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Sandy Roper/Planner IV Telephone: (559) 624-7101

Signature:  Date: 03/31/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guava

Signature:  Date: 4/4/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: 4/4/2022