

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Jeb Headrick
Valley View East Dairy
7090 N. Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 816-7711

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 21-042 and Research Request No. REA 21-069

Project Location - Specific: 5312 Avenue 280, Visalia, CA 93277(APN: 118-010-016).

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 2, 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 21-042 and Research Request No. REA 21-069 requests to decrease in herd size by 400 animal units (decreasing the herd size from 400 AU to 0 AU) at the Valley View East Dairy (ID #306, MDL 73-142). The requested decrease 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) to the Decade Dairy (ID #359), a permitted Dairy under PSP 99-121 within Tulare County located at 3313 Avenue 256, Tulare, CA (APN: 147-010-015). Minor Modification No. MIM 21-040 and Research Request No. REA 21-067 have been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring them from the Church Dairy 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) to the Decade Dairy.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Sandy Roper/Planner IV

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Date: 04/04/22

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 4/4/22

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: 4/4/2022