

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Jacob TeVelde
2911 Hanford Armona Road
Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 786-6757

Project Title: Agriculture Well for the TeVelde Property (CEQ 24-002)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located approximately 1,180 feet south of Idaho Avenue (Avenue 264) and just west of Road 28, and approximately 10 miles northwest of the City of Tulare. (APN 147-020-017)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 19, Township 19S, Range 23E, MDBM

Project Location - City: northwest of the City of Tulare

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located northwest of the City of Tulare and is not within an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) or Urban Developed Boundary (UDB) and is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 Acre Minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new well to supply the property with water for agriculture uses consistent with the existing zoning. The contractor is unable to comply with the well ordinance minimum annual seal requirement of 50'. With the applicant's approval the contractor has installed a 21' annual seal for this new well. The applicant will benefit from the Project as it is intended to meet their water needs for agriculture purposes.

Exempt Status: (check one)

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures


Reasons why project is exempt:

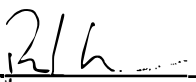
This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the agriculture in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13. Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Representative: Danielle Folk, Planner III Telephone: 559-624-7029

Lead Agency Representative:

Signature:  Date: 2/14/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 2/14/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: 2/14/24