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Applicant(s): Greg Dowds  
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Project Title: Agricultural Preserve Diminishment No., PAD 24-001 - Dowds

Project Location - Specific: Northwest corner of Avenue 292 and Road 156, within the Visalia, Urban Development Boundary (APN: 101-100-005)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 35, Township 18S, Range 25E

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors has received a request for diminishment of an Agricultural Preserve No., 3472, consisting of 20.0-acres owned by Nineda L.P., a California Limited Partnership. The diminishment is a result of the cancellation of 20.0-acres in Land Conservation Contract No. 3472 which was approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on August 2, 2022, by Resolution No., 2022-06555.

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 5 Section 15305 Minor Alteration to Land Use Limitations**
- Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is Categorically Exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305, Class 5, pertaining to Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations that do not result in changes in land use or density. The diminishment of the agricultural preserve is the resulting action of the already approved cancellation of agricultural preserve no., 3472, which removed the 20.0-acres from the Williamson Act contracted lands.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Russell Kashiwa Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 5/7/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 5/7/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_