

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): P & M Vander Poel
9535 Avenue 160
Tipton, CA 93272 (559) 288-8717

Project Title: Dairy Well for the P & M Vander Poel Dairy (CEQ 24-006)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 9535 Avenue 160, just southwest corner of Avenue 160 and Pratt Street, and approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the community of Tipton. (APN 228-240-019)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 27, Township 21S, Range 24E, MDBM

Project Location - City: N/A, northwest of the community of Tipton Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located northwest of the community of Tipton and is not within an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) or an Urban Developed Boundary (UDB). The property is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 Acre Minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for the dairy uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from the animal corrals. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination to the new well site location. The beneficiary of the project is the applicant.

Exempt Status: (check one)

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


Reasons why project is exempt:

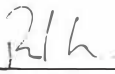
This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the dairy in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County 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: 5/9/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 5/9/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____