

# Notice of Exemption

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Applicant(s): Ventura Coastal, LLC.  
14407 Avenue 144  
Tipton, CA 93272  
805-653-7093

Activity/Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 23-002

Activity/Project Location: Located at 14407 Avenue 144, Tipton, CA 93272 (APN: 300-020-044,300-020-045, 300-030-028, and 300-030-001)

Activity/Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, MDB&M

Project Location - City: Tipton

Project Location - County: Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Nature of the project is a sustainable and cost-effective solution of Solar power usage and the purpose of the Minor Modification No. MIM 23-002 is to modify existing Site Plan so that a solar energy system can be installed on Existing Facility established by Special Use Permit No. PSP 07-117(ZA). The existing Facility is in the M-2 and AE-40 (Heavy Manufacturing and Exclusive Agriculture minimum 40 Acres) Zone. The Beneficiaries are the property owners.

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Rule)
- Categorical Exemption: Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Guideline § 15303, Class 3 pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

**Reasons Why Activity/Project is exempt from CEQA:** Project is categorically exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15301, Class 1, pertaining to Existing Facilities and, therefore, is not subject to CEQA. The Planning Director finds there is no substantial evidence that said Special Use Permit will have a significant effect on the environment and determines that the Notice of Exemption for said Special Use Permit reflects the independent judgment of the County and has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Activity/Project:** County of Tulare Resource Management Agency

**Activity/Project Representative** Nebeyu Menkir

Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7183

Signature:  Date: 5/28/24

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature:  Date: 5-29-24

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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