

Notice of Exemption

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Applicant(s): Fruition Sales
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Project Title: Minor Modification, MIM 24-056 (PSP 18-078 (PC)), Fruition Sales
Project Location - Specific: 42809 State Route 63, Orosi, CA 93647, APN 021-070-004
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Sec. 6, T. 16S, R 25E MDB&M
Project Location - City: Orosi, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification to PSP 96-066 (ZA) to update the site plan to allow the addition of onsite use only solar array to the existing Fruit Packing Facility, in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture - 20 Acre Minimum) Zone, within the Rural Valley Lands Plan, with the Land Use Designation of Valley Agriculture.

- 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 Exemption: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (e)(2)
Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15061 (b)(3), The Common Sense Exemption, whereas the allowance to update the site plan can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This is because the Minor Modification is merely updating a site plan for by-right use on the subject parcel/s that is/are not subject to a CEQA review. Further, this use has already been through a CEQA review by way of a Notice of Exemption that was approved by the Tulare County Planning Commission on October 24, 2018 (Resolution No. 9531). The Notice of Exemption for PSP 18-078 utilized Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15303, Class 3, pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The beneficiary of this Project is the property owner and the environment because the solar array will reduce both electricity costs and emissions that would be generated to produce electricity. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) is applicable and appropriate for this Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare
Project Planner: David Alexander Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7138

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 12/5/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: Reed Schenke Date: 12/5/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer

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