

Notice of Exemption

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221 South Mooney Boulevard
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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Mellema Calf Ranch
2545 N. Linwood St.
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 804-9965

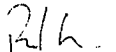
Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 24-014 for PSP 21-071 (AA).
Project Location - Specific: APN: 077-040-019 located at 32210 Road 92, Visalia.
Project Location - Section, Township, Range: Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian.
Project Location - City: The project site is located in the unincorporated area of Tulare County, at 32210 Road 92, Visalia, CA 93272.
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification to PSP 21-071 (AA) proposes to decrease the herd size of the Mellema Calf Ranch facility by 2,063 head with the total herd size to be reduced to zero animal units. The requested decrease in herd size will be attained through the consolidation of animal units and transferring them from the Mellema Calf Ranch to Mellema Dairy, a permitted dairy under PSP 97-046 located at 9420 Avenue 320, Visalia, CA. Administrative Special Use Permit No. PSP 24-015 has been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring them from the Mellema Calf Ranch to the Mellema Dairy.

- Exempt Status: (check one)**
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
 - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 - Common Sense: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
 - Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
 - Categorical Exemption: Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
 - Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project site is subject to an existing Special Use Permit of an allowable use in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural- 40 Acre Minimum) Zone. Section 15301 is appropriate and applicable since the project will transfer animals to an existing facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency
Project Planner: Jose Saenz Area Code/Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 12/19/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 12/23/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
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Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at LCI: _____