

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Applicant(s):** Cornell Kasbergen  
21744 Road 152  
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 804-7393

**Project Title:** Minor Modification No. MIM 25-001

**Project Location - Specific:** Rancho Teresita Dairy, 21744 Road 152, Tulare, CA 93274 (APN 195-080-004 and 195-080-027)

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 13, Township 20S, Range 25E

**Project Location - City:** Tulare, CA      **Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Applicant, Cornell Kasbergen, is applying to construct 110 acres of cultivation system beds on a dairy facility site for growing animal feed, five (5) lift stations, a freshwater zone, a winter bot commissioning zone, a truck loading station, and a processing area to operate the cultivation system modules. The cultivation system modules grow sustainable aquatic plants that can be used as feed for the dairy facility, while also further treating the digestate from the anaerobic digester. 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, construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; in this instance, the proposed construction of cultivation system beds to the existing dairy facility with the features noted earlier. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

**Environmental Assessment Officer:** Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Tulare


**Project Planner/Representative:** Jose Saenz, Planner IV, Project Planner

**Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature:   
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Date: 2/20/2025

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Environmental Planning Division

Signature:   
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 02/20/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_