

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Farmers Fertilizer and Supply, Inc.
36071 Burke Dr.
Traver, CA 93673 (559) 897-1500

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 25-002

Project Location - Specific: The subject site is located on the northwest corner of Burke drive and Avenue 360 at 36071 Burke Drive, Traver, CA 93673 (APN 040-020-037).

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 16, Township 17S, Range 23E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project is to allow the addition of a 19,457 sq. ft. tank containment area that will include plumbing, loadout, and mixing facilities, the tanks within the containment area will be 30,000 gallon tanks, a 550 sq. ft. mechanical office with 330 sq. ft. canopy, and a 3,850 sq. ft. canopy expansion to the existing canopy attached to the building at the south of the site to the existing Farmers Fertilizer and Supply, Inc., facility established by grandfathered use MIM 22-073. The purpose of this addition will increase the company's liquid fertilizer production and storage, allow for plant automation, create improvements in production, and enable the company to serve customers more efficiently. The direct beneficiaries are the property owners, but it also benefits the farming economy in the Central Valley.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- [x] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[x] Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 pertaining to new construction and Conversion of Small Structures.

Reasons why project is exempt: Based on Supporting CEQA Analysis for this Project the proposed project is consistent with the criteria outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3, pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Section 15268 (a) Ministerial Projects. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; MIM 25-002 add services on existing fertilizer blending and formulation company approved by Minor Modification MIM 22-073. Moreover, Ministerial projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303, Class 3 and Section 15268 (a) 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: Nebeyu D. Menkir Planner I Telephone: (559) 624-7183

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 3/20/2025 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division

Signature: Michael G. Washam Date: 3/25/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

[x] Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: