

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Madera

200 W. 4th Street

Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): City of Chowchilla

130 S. Second Street

Chowchilla, CA 93610

(Address)

Project Title: Golden Valley Pistachio Minor Modification Project

Project Applicant: Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC.

Project Location - Specific:

16333 Avenue 24 1/2, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Project Location - City: Chowchilla

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The plant processes freshly harvested pistachios. The purpose of the project is to bring in pistachios during harvest, then hull, dry, fumigate, and store pistachio in silos. These proposed modifications will help the facility receive, hull, dry, store, minimally sort, package and ship up to 12 million pound of nuts annually.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Chowchilla

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC.


Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: Section 15301 - Existing Facility
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:



The project proposes to complete the addition of new equipment and make minor alterations to an existing pistachio processing facility located in an industrial area of the City. The proposed equipment will be installed within the footprint of the facility and does not involve new ground disturbance or expansion of the use beyond its current operations.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jaime Quintana Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 665-8615 

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 4/28/25 Title: Director of Community & Eng 

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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