

# Notice of Exemption

*Fee Exempt Per Government Code Sec. 1603*

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**Lead Agency:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
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**Project Title:** 2019 Annual Report of total Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") emissions from dairies and feedlots  
**Project Location - Specific:** The project would apply to the unincorporated area of Tulare County that is zoned  
**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** N/A  
**Project Location - City:** N/A **Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**  
2019 Annual Report of total GHG emissions from dairies and feedlots

**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));
- Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 6, Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This action is consistent with Section 15061(b)(3), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if "The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it 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." The use of Section 15061(b)(3) is applicable and appropriate because preparing the 2019 Annual Report of total dairy GHG emissions will not make any physical change to the environment since it only involves gathering information to prepare a written report concerning whether or not the County of Tulare is in compliance with the 2017 Animal Confinement Facilities Plan ("2017 ACFP") and the 2017 Dairy and Feedlot Climate Action Plan ("2017 Dairy CAP").

This action is consistent with Section 15306 Class 6, pertaining to basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The use of Section 15306 is applicable and appropriate because preparing an Annual Report of total dairy GHG emissions will not make any physical change to the environment because it only involves gathering information to prepare a written report concerning whether or not the County of Tulare is in compliance with the 2017 ACFP and the 2017 Dairy CAP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Tulare, Board of Supervisors

Signature: *Hector Guerra* Date: 7/21/20 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature: *Reed Schenke* Date: 7/21/20 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A