

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt pursuant to Government Code Section 1603

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: 2023 Annual Report of total Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") emissions from dairies and feedlots for 2022
Project Location - Specific: The project would apply to the unincorporated area of Tulare County that is zoned Agricultural.
Project Location - Section, Township, Range: N/A
Project Location - City: N/A Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
2023 Annual Report of total GHG emissions from dairies and feedlots for 2021

Exempt Status: (check one)

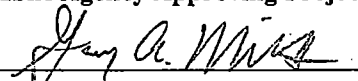
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 6, Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions:

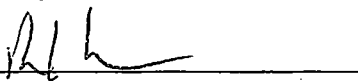
Reasons why project is exempt:

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 report 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 the report 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:  Date: 6/25/24 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary Mills

Signature:  Date: 6/25/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: 06/26/2024

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BY:

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