## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency:		Tulare County Resource Management Agency 5961 South Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000 Attn: <u>hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov</u> and <u>ivillis@tularec</u>	DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE					
Applica	Applicant(s): Ajmail Sanga Church Dairy 17502 Stockdale Highway Bakersfield, CA 93314 (661) 747-1449							
Project	Title: Minor Modification No. MIM 21-041 and Research Request No. REA 21-068							
Project Location - Specific: 1599 Road 144, Delano, CA (APNs: 336-130-009 & -029).								
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 27, Township 24S., Range 25E., Mount Diablo Base & Meridian								

**Project Location - City: N/A** 

**Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Minor Modification No. MIM 21-041 and Research Request No. REA 21-068 requests to decrease in herd size by 2,495 animal units (decreasing the herd size from 2,495 AU to 0 AU) at the Church Dairy (ID #179, PSP 90-038). The requested decrease in herd size will be attained through the consolidation of animal units and transferring them from the Church Dairy (transfer of 2,495 animal units) to the Decade Dairy (ID #359), a permitted Dairy under PSP 99-121 within Tulare County. Minor Modification No. MIM 21-040 and Research Request No. REA 21-067 have been submitted separately to reflect the consolidation of animal units by transferring them from the Church Dairy to the Decade Dairy.

## 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 Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- □ Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project site is an existing bovine dairy that is an allowable use in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural-20 Acre Minimum) Zone. Section 15301 is appropriate and applicable since the project will result in a herd consolidation by transferring animal units from the Church Dairy (2,4950 animal units) to the Decade Dairy.

## Name of Public Agency Approving Project: <u>Tulare County Resource Management Agency</u>

Project Planner/Representative: <u>Sandy Roper/Planner IV</u>	<b>Telephone:</b> <u>(559)</u> 624-7101			
Signature:	Date:	03/31/22	Title:	Chief Environmental Planner
Signature: Reed Schenke, P.E.	Date:	4/4/22	Title:	Environmental Assessment Officer RMA Director
Signed by Lead Agency		bmitted to the	OPR/SCH:	4/4/2022