

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.
Merced, CA 95340

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Project Title: Density Bonus #22-02 and Environmental Review #22-26

Project Applicant: Custom Containers 915 and Merced Rescue Mission

Project Location (Specific): 73 S. R Street **APN:** 007-350-018

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Adoption of a Regulatory Agreement in association with a Density Bonus to allow a 4-unit affordable housing project to be constructed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Custom Containers 915 and Merced Rescue Mission

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. Section Number: 15061(b)(3)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____
☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: The adoption of the regulatory agreement is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that the imposition of affordable housing requirements on the project as required under the State Density Bonus Law (Government Code Section 65915, et seq.) will not have a significant effect on the physical environment, and none of the circumstances described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

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