

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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County of Merced
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Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #1268 and Site Plan Review #506
(Environmental Review #22-45)

Project Applicant: Circle K Stores, Inc., for Ashley Investments

Project Location (Specific): Southwest Corner of Loughborough Drive and R Street

APN: 058-030-010

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: New gas station with tobacco sales and alcohol sales for off-site consumption.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Circle K Stores, Inc., for Ashley Investments

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));
☒ X Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: 15332
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____
☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project consists of a request to sell alcohol for off-site consumption, which are considered to be exempt under the CEQA Guidelines per Section 15332.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

Contact Person: Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez

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Signature:  **Date:** 12-28-2022 **Title:** Associate Planner

 X Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____
(If applicable)

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