

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County General Services PH. (559) 624-7087
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Activity/Project Title: Three Rivers Museum Restroom Project
Activity/Project Location – Specific: 42268 Sierra Drive and portion of APN 067-160-38 and -44, in Tulare County, CA

Activity/Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N½ of SW¼ , Sec. 13, T. 17S, R. 28E, MDB&M
Activity/Project Location – City: n/a, unincorporated community of Three Rivers **County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity/Project: The proposed Three Rivers restroom project will be 288 Sq. Ft. and will provide accessible restrooms adjacent to the existing Three Rivers Historical Museum. The restrooms will be a replacement for the existing restroom located within the museum building. The new restroom will provide a men’s, women’s, and a family facilities and will be open to the public. The proposed restroom will be a stand-alone 288 square foot building with adjacent accessible parking spaces. A level pad will be constructed adjacent to the proposed restrooms to allow for additional future display spaces for museum proposes. Sewage disposal will be provided on site with an engineered system complying with all current requirements. The new restrooms will be connected to the existing on site domestic water system. Also, the project will require boring beneath SR 198 to access electrical power, as such, it will require a Caltrans encroachment permit. The general public (including visitors to Tulare County) would be the beneficiaries of the proposed Activity/Project.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions: 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction; 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

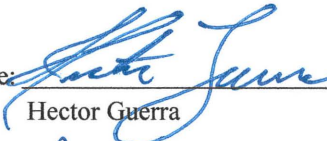
Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: As noted earlier, the Activity/Project is for construction of a publically accessible 288 square foot building to house a restroom (men’s, women’s, and a family facilities, including accessible parking spaces) adjacent to the existing Three Rivers Historical Museum. In addition, a level pad will be constructed adjacent to the proposed restrooms to allow for additional future display space for museum proposes. As such, the Activity/Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Replacement or Reconstruction and New construction or Conversion of Small Structures Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Sections 15302 and 16303; respectively) on the grounds that it can be

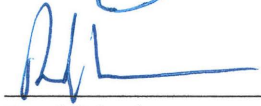
reasonably concluded that the Activity/Project (replacement of an existing restroom through construction of a new 288 square foot structure and new parking) will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, it can be concluded that the use of Sections 15302 and 15303 for the proposed Activity/Project is appropriate and applicable.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County General Services Department

Activity/Project Representative: Dennis Lehman, Capital Projects Manager

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Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____