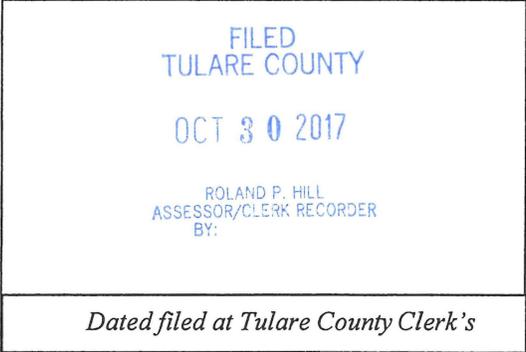


Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
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Project Title: Earlimart Sidewalk Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: Earlimart, CA – State Street from Sierra Avenue to Sutter Avenue; Washington Avenue from State Street to Church Street; and Church Street from Washington Avenue to Clay Avenue.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: Unincorporated community of Earlimart Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The construction along both side of State Street between Sierra Ave and Sutter Ave will include approximately 2,600 linear foot of curb and gutter with 8-foot-wide sidewalk and 5-foot-wide asphalt concrete paveout, ADA ramps, driveways, fence relocation, striping and signage improvements.

The construction along south side of Washington Ave will start at State street and wrapping around to Church St on the west side. The Improvements include approximately 1,450 linear foot of curb and gutter with 5-foot-wide sidewalk and 4-foot-wide asphalt concrete paveout, ADA ramps, driveways, striping and signage improvements. The improvement will make it safer for students to walk to Elementary Elementary and Middle School as the new sidewalk will provide a safer, more protected path, than the roadway shoulders the school children must currently travel on to walk to school. Construction is anticipated to begin 2019-2020.

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));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. Also, consistent with

Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 and Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14) are applicable and appropriate for this project

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Reed Schenke, Director **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7142

Signature:  _____ Date: 10/25/17 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  _____ Date: 10/26/17 Title: Environmental Assessment
Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A