

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
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Project Title: Farm 2 Market Routes 2.0 Project 2

Project Location - Specific: Location 1 – Avenue 416 between State Route 63 and Road 152
Location 2 – Avenue 95 between Road 236 and Road 256
Location 3 – Road 236 between Avenue 95 and Avenue 96

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

Project Location - City: Orosi, Terra Bella

Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of constructing curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA compliant ramps, driveways, adjusting drainage inlets, and repairing asphalt materials in the unincorporated communities of Orosi and Terra Bella. The work includes a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new asphalt surfacing. Both locations will include corrective work (adding a thin course of granular material for leveling to minimize drop-off heights for overlays) to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. Furthermore, all newly surfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings. Efficient and responsive improvements and maintenance of the County road network will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the access of pedestrians and the transportation infrastructure for the general population throughout the region. Construction is anticipated to begin during the Summer of 2021 and be completed by Fall of 2021.

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 beforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14). Therefore, the use 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: *Hector Guerra* Date: 3/23/21 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: *Reed Schenke* Date: 3.22.21 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A