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**SCH # 2021040258**

Project Title: Cutler-Orosi Community Plan 2021 Update (GPA 18-003, PZC 18-011, PZC 18-009, PZC 18-010)

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City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394

County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare

City/Nearest Community: Dinuba

Cross Streets: State Route 63 & State Route 201

Zip Code: Cutler:93615, Orosi: 93647

Latitude/Longitude: 36° 31' 29" N / 119° 17' 20" W

Total Acres: 3,154

Assessor's Parcel No: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20 Township: 16 S Range: 25 E Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: SR 63 & SR 201 Waterways: Sand Creek, Alta East Branch Canal

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: Palm School, Golden Valley Elementary School, Orosi High School, El Monte School, Cutler Elementary School, Lovell School, Monson Sultana Elementary School.

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR      | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update       | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone               | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-zone             | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element      | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Dev. | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit           | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Sub.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Cutler-Orosi Community Plan 2021 Update</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____                |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid/Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use                           |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tribal Cultural Res.</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Energy</u>      |  |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Wildfires</u>   |  |   |  |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Communities of Cutler and Orosi / Agriculture (AE-20), Commercial (C-1, C-2, C-2-SR, C-3, C-3-SR, PD-C-3), Manufacturing (M-1), Recreation (O), Professional and Administrative Office (P-O, P-O-SR), Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-A), / Cutler-Orosi Urban Development Boundary

Project Description: See attached page.

# Project Description

On September 30, 2014, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Planning Branch proposal to update the Cutler-Orosi Community Plan. The project Study Area Boundary will assess the potential project impacts from the proposed land use changes, for the areas generally bound south of Avenue 422, north of Avenue 400, east of Road 116, and west of Road 134. The project EIR is based on a projected annual population growth rate of 1.3%. Additional growth beyond the 1.3% annual growth rate will require further growth analysis pursuant to CEQA. The Cutler/Orosi Community Plan Update components are described later in this section will become consistent with the General Plan 2030 Update, and will include the following primary goals and objectives.

- 1) Land Use and Environmental Planning - Promote development within planning areas next to the Regional State Route 63 Corridor in order to implement the following General Plan goals:
  - a) Ensure that the text and mapping of the Community Plan Designations and Zoning Reclassifications address various development matters such as encouraging Agricultural Adaptive Reuse activities, recognizing Non-Conforming Use activities, and facilitating Ministerial Permit approvals;
  - b) Encourage infill development within Urban Development Boundaries, thereby discouraging leapfrog development within Tulare County;
  - c) Reduce development pressure on agriculturally-designated lands within the Valley Floor, thereby encouraging agricultural production to flourish;
  - d) Reduce vehicle miles travelled throughout the County, thereby positively affecting air quality and greenhouse gas reduction; and
  - e) Help to improve the circulation, transit and railroad transportation system within this community, including, but not limited to, laying the groundwork for the construction of key projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, and Bike Lanes/Pedestrian Paths.
- 2) Improvements for a "disadvantaged community" - It is expected that the community planning areas will be improved for the following reasons:
  - a) With faster project processing resulting from an updated community plan, increased employment opportunities are more likely to be provided by the private sector as proposed project developments can be approved as expeditiously as possible;
  - b) Increased housing grant awards are more likely to occur based on updated community plans that are consistent with the policies of the adopted (August 2013) General Plan Update and Housing Element; and
  - c) With updated community plans, enhanced infrastructure grant awards are more likely, thereby providing access to funding to install or upgrade road, water, wastewater, and storm water facilities.
- 3) Strengthening Relationship with TCAG - An important benefit of this expedited community plan process will be the opportunity for RMA to strengthen the County's relationship with the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) in that this and other community plans will help to facilitate the funding and implementation of several key transportation programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, and Bike/Pedestrian Projects.

By pursuing these transportation programs through a heightened collaborative process, the likelihood of getting actual projects in the ground will be realized faster than historically achieved. In doing so, these communities and others can become safer and healthier by providing a more efficient transportation network.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health, Department of                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5F (attn: Doug Pattenon)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board  | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                      | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission   | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 4                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of                | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Services, Department of                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle)</u>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board                           | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission              | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>City of Dinuba</u>                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>U.S. Department of Agriculture - NRCS</u>       | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County Fire Warden</u>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</u>                | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County HHS - Environmental Health</u>          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>              | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County Office of Emergency Services</u>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner</u>     | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Tulare County Resources Conservation District</u>     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>Alta Irrigation District</u>                          |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date: September 22, 2021 Ending Date: November 5, 2021

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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