Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: □ Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814

X Tulare County Clerk

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221 South Mooney Boulevard

Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County - Resource Management Agency

5961 South Mooney Blvd

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works

5961 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277

Activity / Project Title: -Way STOP Control at the intersection Road 220 & Avenue 216

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 220 (Harvard Avenue) and Avenue 216 (Citrus Avenue) just south of the

City of Lindsay, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SE¼ of SE¼ of S18 T20S R27E

Activity / Project Location: South of the City of Lindsay, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety at the intersection of Road 220 and Avenue 216. It will consist of installing an All-Way Stop, just south of the City of Lindsay, CA. This intersection is currently controlled with Stops for east- and west-bound traffic only.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and traffic safety at this location, the Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), which states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

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));
- X Categorical Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to (14 Cal Code Regs, §15303). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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ph: 559-624-7142

BY:

Date received by Tulare County Clerk

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: <u>Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer</u> Telephone: (559) 624-7000

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Signature: Date: 03/16/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Hector Guerra

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X Signed by Lead Agency