NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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	\boxtimes	Tulare County Clerk		AUG 1 8 2022		
		Room 105, Courthouse 221 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93291		ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:		
Lead Agency:		Tulare County Resource Management Ager	ncy			
		5961 South Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000		DATE RECEIVED	FOR FILE	NG AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
		Attn: hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov and	jwillis@tularec	ounty.ca.gov		
Applicant(s):		Benita L. Cortez 41415 Road 126				
		Orosi, CA 93647				
		(559) 859-0391				
Project Title: Individual Domestic Well for the Benita L. Cortez property (CEQ 22-007)						
Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 13498 Avenue 416, on the North side of Avenue 416 (East El Monte Way) and approximately 500 feet west of Road 136, approximately 0.75 miles East of Orosi. (APN 025-210-015)						
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 8, Township 16S, Range 25E						
Project Location - City: Orosi Project Location - County: Tulare						
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is not located within any adopted Tulare County Urban Development Boundary or Urban Area Boundary and is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture -20 Acre Minimum). The property owner is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the residence consistent with the existing zoning. The new location of the well is unable to meet the minimum setbacks for the septic tank and leach lines. The contractor will install a 1 00-foot annular seal to mitigate risk to the well site location. The beneficiary of the project is the applicant.						
Exempt Status: (check one)						
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);						
	 ☑ Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures ☐ Statutory Exemptions: 					
Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the residence in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of wells are subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13. Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.						
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency						
Project Planner/Representative: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner Telephone: (559) 624-7121						
Signatur		Guerra Juena	Date: 08/1	8/22 Ti	tle:	Chief Environmental Planner
Signatur		Schenke, P.E.	Date: 8/18	3/22 Tit		Environmental Assessment Officer RMA Director
☑ Signed by Lead Agency			Date submitted to the OPR/SCH:			