## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:		Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	FILED TULARE COUNTY
		Tulare County Clerk Room 105, Courthouse 221 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93291	OCT 1 2 2022 ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:
Lead A	ead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency 5961 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000 Attn: <u>hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov</u> and <u>invillis@tula</u>		Date Received for Filing at Tulare County Clerk's Office
Applica	ant(s):	Jake Soerens 11090 Ave 264 Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 802-2179	

Project Title: Individual Domestic Well for the Jake Soerens Property (CEQ 22-010)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 11090 Avenue 264, approximately 258 feet north of Avenue 264 and 1,900 feet Road 108, near the City of Visalia. (APN 126-770-004)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 13, Township 19S, Range 24E, MDBM

Project Location - City: near Visalia Project Location - County: Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project site is located within the Visalia 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 uses consistent with the existing zoning. The contractor must install a 100' annular seal to mitigate risk to the new well site location due to contamination of the soil found in the surrounding area. 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:

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**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 is 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: <u>Tulare County Resource Management Agency</u>

Project Planner/Representative: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner Telephone: 559-624-7121

Signature: Hector Guerra	Date: 10/12/22Title:	Chief Environmental Planner
Signature: <u>Reed Schenke, P.E.</u>	Date: 10/12/22 Title:	Environmental Assessment Officer RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR:\_\_\_\_\_