NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103 To: Office of Planning and Research FILED 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 TULARE COUNTY Sacramento, CA 95814 APR 1 9 2023 X Tulare County Clerk Room 105, Courthouse ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER 221 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93291 Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK 5961 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000 Attn: hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency 5961 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000 Project Title: Road 204 over Wutchumna Ditch Bridge Revegetation Project Project Location - Specific: Kaweah Oaks Preserve in Tulare County, CA Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 28, Township 18S, Range 26E Project Location - City: Near the City of Exeter, CA Project Location - County: Tulare Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The County of Tulare intends to have trees planted at Kaweah Oaks Preserve in Exeter, CA through Sequoia Riverlands Trust to replace trees removed because of the Road 204 over Wutchumna Ditch Bridge Replacement Project. The bridge replacement project will benefit Tulare County residents and visitors as it will result in a modern, structurally sound, and functionally adequate bridge. Exempt Status: (check one) \square 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 33 Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15333 Class 33, Small Habitat Restoration Projects. As noted earlier, the Project will replace trees removed as part of the Road 204 over Wutchumna Ditch Bridge Replacement Project. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15333 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

☐ Statutory Exemptions:

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