

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Project Title: Road 64 Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located on Road 64, between State Route 198 and Avenue 304, Goshen in Tulare County. The project is located on Assessor Parcel Numbers 073-007-003, -007, -009, -010, -011 and -012 and 073-080-002, -011, 013, and -014.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 25, Township 18S, Range 23E, MDBM

Project Location - City: The project is located within the unincorporated community of Goshen in Tulare County

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The County proposes roadway reconstruction and bridge replacement along Road 64 between State Route 198 and Avenue 304, and intersection widening at Road 64 and Avenue 304 (roadway reconstruction, bridge replacement and intersection widening). The project consists of reconstruction of the existing two-lane undivided, 24-foot wide, pavement section to a two-lane undivided, 32-foot wide pavement section. The public right-of-way would be expanded from an existing width of 40 feet to an overall width of 80 feet (which includes a 12-foot travel lane, a 4-foot paved shoulder, a 4-foot unpaved shoulder, and a 20-foot roadside drainage and clear zone on each side). The existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) at the Mill Creek Ditch crossing of Road 64 will be replaced with a new concrete pipe or box structure. The intersection at Road 64 and Avenue 304 will be widened to accommodate design vehicles, and align with the Road 64 alignment north of Avenue 304. Avenue 304 is currently controlled with stop signs at the Road 64 approaches, and the Avenue 304 approaches are uncontrolled. The project will convert the intersection to an all-way-stop-control. The project would require the acquisition of right-of-way and temporary easements from ten parcels along Road 64 and relocation of approximately 19 utility (distribution) poles. Other utility relocations such as phone/cable pedestals, or vault adjustments may be required as well. The project also requires the abandonment of three agricultural wells, two of which are currently in production. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities.


Exempt Status: (check one)

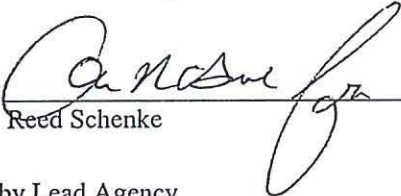
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- General Rule: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction (c). As such, Sections 15302 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

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Date filed at State Clearinghouse: __