

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Project Title: Vacation of the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication made on Parcel Map No. 5254 as part of the Sequoia Gateway Business and Commerce Center.

Project Location - Specific: Parcel Map No. 5254 as part of the Sequoia Gateway Business and Commerce Center along Drive 88 South of Avenue 280 (Caldwell Avenue) east of SR 99.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: A portion of the N½ of NW¼ Section 9, T19, R24E, M.D.B & M.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated area east of the City of Visalia Location - County: Tulare County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication has been prepared for the new road turnaround on Drive 88 to accommodate a road turnaround on Drive 88 to maintain public access to the adjacent parcels. The vacation of land is necessary to allow construction of the State Route 99/Caldwell Interchange Project which consists of reconstructing the Caldwell Avenue Interchange on State Route 99. The new interchange will include a new bridge over State Route 99, the construction of new ramps, and the installation of two new multi-lane roundabouts at the ramp intersections with Avenue 280. Caltrans is currently in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase of the interchange project. For Caltrans to complete the right-of-way phase and move into the construction phase, they are requesting the County of Tulare and Sequoia Gateway LLC memorialize the Irrevocable Offers. The interchange project will also involve the realignment of local frontage roads, including Drive 88. As such, the beneficiaries of this Project include County residents, visitors, merchants/businesses, employees, etc., using Caldwell Avenue (Avenue 280) and SR 99.

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));
- Common Sense Exemption: **CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)**
- Categorical Exemption:
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity is covered by Section 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense exemption on the grounds that is can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, as such, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Reed Schenke, Director Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7142

Signature: *Hector Guerra* Date: 3/23/21 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: *Reed Schenke* Date: 3.23.21 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Aaron Bock for Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

Signed by Lead Agency