

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

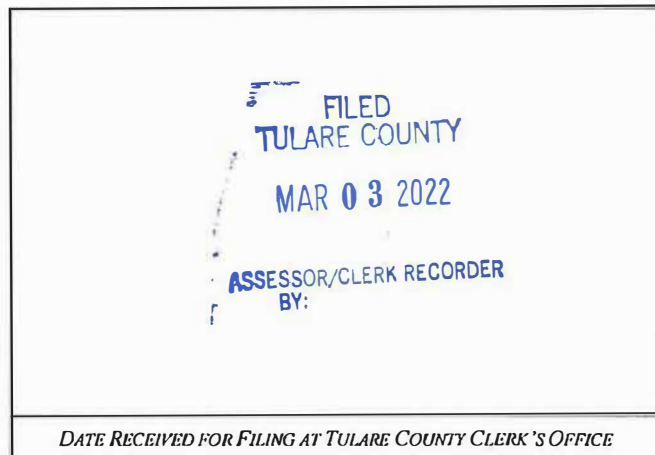
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Cutler-Orosi Community Plan 2021 Update (GPA 18-003, PZC 18-009, PZC 18-010, PZC 18-011)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021040258

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Project Location: The communities of Cutler and Orosi are located in northern Tulare County approximately 16 miles east of State Route (SR) 99 and approximately 15 miles north of Visalia, the County seat. Both communities are located along State Route (SR) 63 about one half mile apart. The Tulare County/Fresno County Line is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Orosi and 3.3 miles northwest of Cutler. Collectively, the communities of Cutler-Orosi are generally bounded by Avenue 402 in the south, Avenue 408 in the north, Road 120 in the west, and the Bowhay Ditch and Sand Creek in the east.

Project Description: The proposed 2021 Cutler-Orosi Community Plan Update is consistent with the General Plan 2030 Update and will include the following primary goals and objectives.

- 1) Land Use and Environmental Planning - Promote development within planning areas next to the Regional State Route 63 Corridor in order to implement the following General Plan goals:
 - a) Ensure that the text and mapping of the Community Plan Designations and Zoning Reclassifications address various development matters such as encouraging Agricultural Adaptive Reuse activities, recognizing Non-Conforming Use activities, and facilitating Ministerial Permit approvals;
 - b) Encourage infill development within Urban Development Boundaries, thereby discouraging leapfrog development within Tulare County;
 - c) Reduce development pressure on agriculturally-designated lands within the Valley Floor, thereby encouraging agricultural production to flourish;
 - d) Reduce vehicle miles travelled throughout the County, thereby positively affecting air quality and greenhouse gas reduction; and
 - e) Help to improve the circulation, transit and railroad transportation system within this community, including, but not limited to, laying the groundwork for the construction of key projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, and Bike Lanes/Pedestrian Paths.
- 2) Improvements for a "disadvantaged community" - It is expected that the community planning areas will be improved for the following reasons:
 - a) With faster project processing resulting from an updated community plan, increased employment opportunities are more likely to be provided by the private sector as proposed project developments can be approved as expeditiously as possible;
 - b) Increased housing grant awards are more likely to occur based on updated community plans that are consistent with the policies of the recently adopted (August 2013) General Plan Update and Housing Element; and

- c) With updated community plans, enhanced infrastructure grant awards are more likely, thereby providing access to funding to install or upgrade road, water, wastewater, and storm water facilities.
- 3) Strengthening Relationship with TCAG - An important benefit of this expedited community plan process will be the opportunity for RMA to strengthen the County's relationship with the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) in that this and other community plans will help to facilitate the funding and implementation of several key transportation programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, and Bike/Pedestrian Projects.

By pursuing these transportation programs through a heightened collaborative process, the likelihood of getting actual projects in the ground will be realized faster than historically achieved. In doing so, these communities and others can become safer and healthier by providing a more efficient transportation network.

The proposed Cutler-Orosi Community Plan 2021 Update amends the 1988 Cutler-Orosi Community Plan with this proposed General Plan Amendment and implements the 2012 Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update:

Planning Framework Element (Urban Boundaries). The Planning Framework Element is revised to update the Urban Development Boundary Part 1, of the Tulare County General Plan. The intent is that the County's UDB is coterminous, as administratively feasible, with the Sphere of Influence (SOI) adopted by Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission.

Open Space Element. The Environmental Resources Management Element is amended to revise the "Urban Expansion Area" designation on the Open Space Map Part 1, Figure 8-1 of the Tulare County General Plan to reflect the area within the revised Urban Development Boundary of Cutler-Orosi.


Land Use, Transportation and Circulation Elements Part 1. This Plan Amendment incorporates the following: The County's General Plan land use designations, circulation functional classification, and development policies into the Cutler-Orosi Community Plan 2021 Update.


Community Plan Updates Part III. The proposed Community Plan for Cutler-Orosi is updated with this proposed amendment.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 3/1/22, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures were were not] made a condition of approval of this project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

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 Carlos Guerra

Signature:  Date: 3/3/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
 Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
- EIR

Date Submitted to OPR/SCH
3/3/22