

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Kingsburg Area Community Plan

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021120339

Contact Person: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner

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Project Location: At the northern portion of Tulare County within the City of Kingsburg County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary (Kingsburg CACUDB or UDB) and encompasses approximately 0.8 square miles of land. The Tulare County/Fresno County Line is located directly adjacent to the Kingsburg CACUDB and generally northwest of Avenue 392 and Road 16. The site is within the Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 16 South, Range 22 East, MDB&M.

Project Description: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2019-0884 on October 15, 2019, approving the General Plan Initiation No. GPI 19-004 to authorize a General Plan Amendment No. GPA 20-001 for the Kingsburg Area Community Plan, to update the Tulare County General Plan. The proposed Kingsburg Area Community Plan is identified within the City of Kingsburg sphere of influence and County of Tulare's County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary (CACUDB) for Kingsburg located along the Tulare County/Fresno County line (that is, adjacent to and south of Kingsburg), generally north of Avenue 390, west of Road 20, and south of State Route 201. The Kingsburg Community Area Plan Update will become consistent with the approved Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update and includes the following primary goals and objectives:


- 1) Land Use and Environmental Planning - Promote development within the planning areas next to the Regional Highway 99 Corridor in order to implement the following General Plan goals:
 - a) Update the affected Urban Development Boundary;
 - b) Ensure the text and mapping of the Community Plan Land Use 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;
 - c) Encourage infill development within a County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary, thereby discouraging leapfrog development within Tulare County;
 - d) Reduce development pressure on agriculturally-designated lands within the Valley Floor, thereby encouraging agricultural production;
 - e) Reduce vehicle miles travelled throughout the County, thereby positively affecting air quality and greenhouse gas reduction; and
 - f) 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 area will be improved for the following reasons:
 - a) Faster project processing resulting from an updated community plan, increasing employment opportunities that are more likely to be provided by the private sector as proposed project developments and permits can be approved as expeditiously as possible;
 - b) Housing grant awards are more likely to be awarded based on updated community plans that are consistent with the policies of the General Plan Update (December 2012) and the recently adopted Housing Element (December 2023); and
 - c) Enhanced infrastructure grant awards, 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 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 community plan will help to facilitate the funding and implementation of several key transportation programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, Bike/Pedestrian Projects, and major state Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project. 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, this community, and others, can become safer and healthier by providing a more efficient transportation network.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 5/14/2024 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.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration 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.

Signature:  Date: 5/14/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
 Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 5/14/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
 Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required

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Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid
 Receipt Number: _____

Cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.