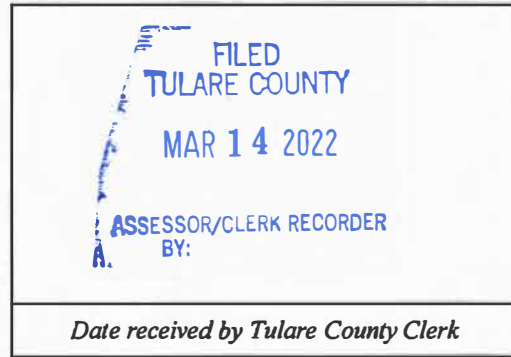


Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Activity / Project Title: STOP Controlled Intersections Northeast of Lindsay

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Fir Street (A238) at Strathmore Avenue (R228), and Hall Avenue (LR226D) at Fir Street, just Northeast of the City of Lindsay, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SE¼ of NE¼ of S5 T20S R27E

Activity / Project Location: Northeast of the City of Lindsay, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety at the intersections of Fir Street (A238) at Strathmore Avenue (R228), and Hall Avenue (LR226D) at Fir Street, and will consist of installing a One-Way Stop sign on these "T" intersections, just northeast of the City of Lindsay, CA. These intersections are currently uncontrolled, with no posted Stop signs.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and traffic safety at these intersections, the Traffic Operations Division determined that these intersections meet the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), which states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

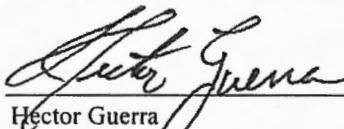
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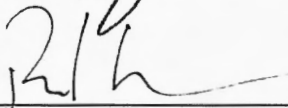
- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to (14 Cal Code Regs, §15303). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 03/14/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
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Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: 3/14/22