

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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221 South Mooney Blvd.
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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov and jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: Purchase of Property for Sheriff's Substation

Project Location - Specific: 1839 S. Newcomb, Porterville, CA 93257, Assessor's Parcel No. 302-390-021.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 9, Township 22, Range 27E

Project Location - City: Porterville, CA Project Location - County: Tulare County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The subject property contains what is commonly known as Forest Headquarters for the Sequoia National Forest. The lot is 2.85 acres in size with an existing 18,000 sq ft pre-engineered metal building with on-site secured parking. The purchase of this property (and the accompanying structure) will allow Tulare County to develop it into a new Sheriff's Substation to serve the unincorporated areas of Porterville and other surrounding communities.

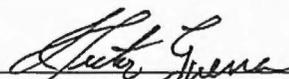
Exempt Status: (check one)

- 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 Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is for the purchase of an existing building to be used for public safety purposes; that is, a Sheriff's Office Substation. The purchase of the subject property and conversion to a Sheriff's Office Substation is exempt from CEQA pursuant to sections 15301 Existing Uses and 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures As there will be minimal changes to the existing structure or expansion of the site area. the use of Sections 15301 and 15303 and applicable and appropriate.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Jacalynn Wells, Property Manager Telephone: (559) 205-1135

Signature:  Date: 03/14/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 3/14/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: 3/14/22

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