

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): John Shannon
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Terra Bella, CA 93270 (559) 359-0268

Project Title: Agricultural Well for the Shannon Property (CEQ 22-003)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located approximately 530 feet east of Road 272 and 390 feet south of Avenue 120 (Deer Creek Rd), Porterville, CA 93257 (APN 305-190-006)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 21, Township 22S, Range 28E

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located within an unincorporated area of Tulare County, is designated in the Tulare County General Plan as Foothill Growth Management Plan, and is zoned AE-10 (Exclusive Agriculture - 10 Acre Minimum). The property owner is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the existing agricultural operations which are consistent with the existing zoning. Applicant is requesting a variance from the well ordinance for the annular seal depth of 50 feet to 30 feet due to cutting off a water bearing strata.

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)
[X] Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide irrigation water for the AE-10 (Exclusive Agriculture - 10 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of wells are subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13. Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner Telephone: (559) 624-7121

Signature: [Signature] Date: 03/30/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/31/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: 3/31/22