## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

## Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103 To: $\boxtimes$ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 TULARE COUNTY Sacramento, CA 95814 APR 1 9 2022 $\boxtimes$ Tulare County Clerk Room 105, Courthouse 221 South Mooney Blvd. ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER Visalia, CA 93291 Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 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. Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000 Project Title: Teapot Dome Avenue Rehabilitation Project Project Location - Specific: Avenue 128 (Teapot Dome Avenue) from Road 216 to approximately 0.25 miles east of West Street (limits of maintenance agreement with City of Porterville) and from Road 224 to approximately 550 feet west of Road 232 (Newcomb Street) Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: Tulare Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of repairing asphalt materials in the City of Porterville. The work includes a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new asphalt surfacing. The project will include corrective work (adding a thin course of granular material for leveling to minimize drop-off heights for overlays) to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. Furthermore, all newly surfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and payement markings. Efficient and responsive improvements and maintenance of the County road network will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population throughout the region. Construction is anticipated to begin during the Spring of 2022 and be completed by Fall of 2022. 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));

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c). As such, Sections 15301 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

□ Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)

☐ Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)

☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: <u>Tulare County Board of Supervisors</u>			
Project Planner/Representative: Reed Schenk & Director	Telephone: _	559-624-7142	

Signature: Hector Guerra	Date: 04/14/22	Title:	Chief Environmental Planner
Signature: Reed Schenke, P.E.	Date: 4/18/22	Title:	Environmental Assessment Officer RMA Director
⊠ Signed by Lead Agency	Date	submitte	d to OPR · 4/20/22