

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Activity / Project Title: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of Goshen

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Coyote Court (LR72C) at Avenue 308 and Avenue 310, Avenue 305 at Road 72, and Avenue 308 at Road 72 in the community of Goshen, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SW¼ of NE¼, SE¼ of SW¼, & NE¼ of SW¼ of S19 T18S R24E

Activity / Project Location: Within the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety by installing a One-Way Stop sign at the currently uncontrolled "T" intersections of Coyote Court (LR72C) at Avenue 308 and Avenue 310, and Avenue 305 at Road 72, and installing an All-Way Stop on Avenue 308 at Road 72, which is currently controlled with Stops for north and southbound traffic only, in the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA.

In response to safety concerns at these intersections, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety, the Traffic Operations Division determined that these intersections meet the requirements of Sections 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections and 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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".

Exempt Status:

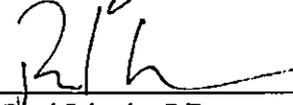
- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
- Statutory Exemptions: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

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Sections 2B.04 and 2B.07 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: 05/19/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 5/19/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency