

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

- To: Office of Planning and Research
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Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: Avenue 428 Sand Creek Bridge (No.46C-0340) Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located approximately 0.25 miles east of State Route 63 and approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the community of Orosi.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 22, Township 16S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: northeast of Orosi, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would replace the existing two-lane Avenue 428 Sand Creek Bridge to meet current standards to accommodate a minimum 24-foot-wide travel width plus two 4-foot-wide shoulders for a total width of 32 feet. The existing structure was constructed in 1939 and qualifies to receive federal funding for replacement due to the old age of the bridge and non-standard geometric configuration of the structure in relation to the approach roadway. The proposed bridge will consist of an approximately 76-foot long by 36-foot wide, clear-span prestressed cast-in-place concrete voided slab bridge. Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2024 and will be completed in approximately 6-months. Avenue 428 would be temporarily closed at the bridge site and a temporary detour would be established during construction. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and vehicles, including large agricultural equipment, using these facilities.

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));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

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| <p>FILED TULARE COUNTY</p> <p>JUN 30 2022</p> <p>ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p> |
| <p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK</p> |

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (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 2: Replacement or Reconstruction (e). As such, Sections 15302 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Project Planner/Representative: Jason K. Vivian, Engineer IV **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7135

Signature: Aaron R. Bock
Aaron R. Bock, MCRP, JD, LEED AP

Date: 6.28.2022

Title: Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning

Signature: Reed Schenke For
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 6.30.2022

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant