

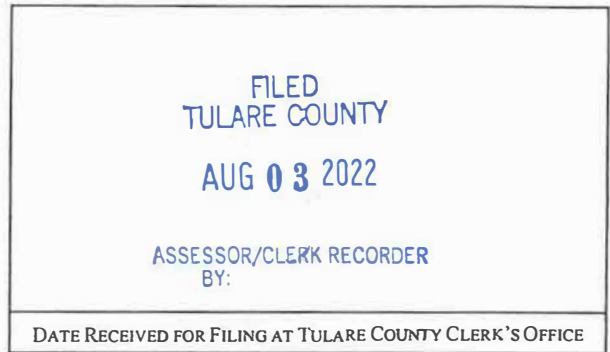
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Rebecca Riddle
41930 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers, CA 93237 (559) 697-9317

Project Title: Agricultural Well for the Riddle Property (CEQ 22-006)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 41930 North Fork Drive, Three Rivers, CA 93237 (APN 068-320-002)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: POR. NW. ¼ SEC. 24, & POR. NE ¼ SEC. 23, T.17S., R.28E., M.D.B.&M.

Project Location - City: Three Rivers Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located within the Three Rivers Urban Development Boundary, with the land use designation of Medium Density Residential, and is zoned R-A-43 (Rural Residential – 43,000 Square Foot Minimum) and F-1(Primary Flood Plain). The property owner is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the existing domestic operations which are consistent with the existing zoning. Applicant is requesting a variance from the well ordinance for the annular seal depth of 50' to 25' 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)
- 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 15303.3 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. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project. Also, construction of wells are subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13. Construction of Wells.

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

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

Signature:  Date: 008/03/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: Aaron R. Bock For Date: 7.28.22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____