

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): John & Britney Jongsma  
15434 Avenue 192  
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 737-8776

Project Title: Individual Agricultural Well for the Jongsma Property (CEQ 22-012)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 15434 Avenue 192, near the northeast corner of Avenue 192 and Road 152, and approximately 5.5 miles southeast of the City of Tulare. (APN 196-040-018)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 35, Township 20S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: near the City of Tulare      Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located just southeast of the City of Tulare and not within any adopted Tulare County Developed Boundary or Urban Area Boundary and is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum). The property is near the Woodville Landfill. The property owner is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the agricultural uses consistent with the existing zoning. The new location of the well is unable to meet the minimum setbacks for the septic tank and leach lines. The Engineer recommends that an annular seal be installed in the proposed well depths ranging between 200 and 320' bgs to minimize the potential for contaminant short-circuiting through the filter pack. The beneficiary of the project is the applicant.

Exempt Status: (check one)

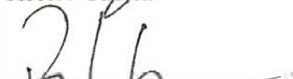
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions:

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 in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of wells is 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: County of Tulare

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

Signature:  Date: 10/27/2022 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 10/31/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: