

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: Road D112 Bates Slough Bridge (No. 46C-0013) Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at the southwest boundary of the City of Tulare, approximately 0.07 miles south of Avenue 196 and 0.28 miles west of State Route 99.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 35, Township 20 S, Range 24 E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Tulare **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare County (County) proposes to replace the existing Road D112 Bridge (Bridge 46C-0013) over Bates Slough/Elk Bayou Ditch. The project includes replacement of the existing bridge in-kind (similar bridge type and location). The proposed bridge structure consists of 31-foot long, 2-cell grade-top box culvert with 14-foot wide openings, and will accommodate a 12-foot lane and 4-foot shoulder in each direction. In addition, the project includes improvements on the approach roadways extending approximately 400 feet to the south and 400 feet to the north of the existing bridge. Sliver widening is proposed on Road D112, north of the existing approach roadway and terminating at the intersection with Avenue 196. The sliver widening would be necessary to avoid an irregular project tie-in between the bridge and Avenue 196.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

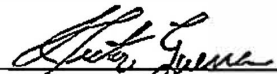
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

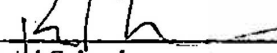
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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. 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

By:  Date: 11/09/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

By:  Date: 11/10/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date submitted to OPR/SCH _____