

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 North Branch Tule River Bridge (No. 46C-0004) Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: Bridge 46C-0004 carries Road D112 (also known as I Street) over the North Branch of the South Branch of the Tule River. The Project is located approximately two (2) miles north of the community of Tipton, within unincorporated Tulare County.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 13 & 24, Township 21 S, Range 24 & 25 E, MDBM

Project Location - City: 2 mi north of Tipton **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare County (County) proposes to replace the existing Road D112 Bridge over the North Branch of the South Branch of the Tule River with a new 36-foot wide structure carrying 12-foot travel lanes and 4-foot shoulders in each direction. The replacement bridge will consist of a four-cell grade-top box culvert with 10-foot wide by 5-foot tall openings. Project improvements would extend approximately 200 feet south to Bridge 46C-0003 and approximately 400 feet north of Bridge 46C-0004. Construction would require removal of the existing structure; therefore, Road D112 would be closed within the Project area for the duration of construction. Detour routes would be provided; however, no improvements along the detour routes are proposed. Temporary construction easements from adjacent private parcels would be necessary to complete the Project; however, no permanent right-of-way would be required in adjacent parcels, and the Project would not encroach into the nearby Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

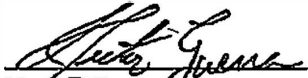
Exempt Status: (check one)


- 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:

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
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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date submitted to OPR/SCH _____