

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Applicant(s):** Ryan and Amanda Avila  
1944 S. Newcomb Street  
Porterville, CA 93257 (559) 310-3102

**Project Title:** Individual Domestic Well for the Avila Property (CEQ 22-013)  
**Project Location - Specific:** The project is located at 1944 S. Newcomb Street, near the southeast corner of Hope Avenue and Newcomb Street, and just on the outskirts of City of Porterville. (APN 268-120-027)  
**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 10, Township 22S, Range 27E, MDBM  
**Project Location - City:** near Porterville **Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project site is located just east of the City of Porterville and is within both Porterville Urban Developed Boundary and Porterville Urban Area Boundary and is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 Acre Minimum). The property owner was previously on a shared well and now is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the residence uses consistent with the existing zoning. A Hydrogeologic Assessment was conducted and states that the new well should be drilled to a depth of approximately 500' and will result in a negligible drawdown to help mitigate any water loss from neighboring domestic and agricultural wells. 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 (a new well) will be constructed in accordance with the rules, regulations, standards, and permit requirements of the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Environmental Health Division and will also be in compliance with the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Plan. As noted earlier, the Hydrogeologic Assessment that was conducted concluded that the new well should not impact any neighboring wells. The new structure is intended to provide water for the single-family residence in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 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:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency

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

Signature:  Date: 11/30/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 11/30/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: