

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: Goshen Transportation Corridor Beautification Project

Project Location - Specific: Goshen Pedestrian Bridge entrance over State Route 99 and Betty Drive Overpass/Interchange

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 18, Township 20, Range, 24E

Project Location - City: Unincorporated community of Goshen, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Tulare County RMA is applying for a grant through the Clean California Local Grant Program to benefit the community of Goshen. If funded, the project involves the installation of sidewalk to connect the West side of the pedestrian bridge walkway to existing sidewalk to complete the pedestrian path, landscaping on the Betty Drive Overpass/Interchange with features (such as drought tolerant trees, shrubs, etc) and the installation of park benches, trash cans and appurtenances there to. The purpose of the park addition is to provide attractive and useful recreational areas thereby engaging the Goshen Community and County residents in general. All of Tulare County, and more specifically the Goshen Community, will benefit from these additions.

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 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features; in this instance, the upgrades to the Goshen Transportation Corridor Beautification Project with the features noted earlier. Additionally, this project will assist the County of Tulare in accomplishing objectives outlined in the Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update and the objectives and policies contained in the adopted Goshen Community Plan (e.g., Complete Streets, bicycle facilities, pedestrian paths and sidewalks, etc.). Therefore, the use of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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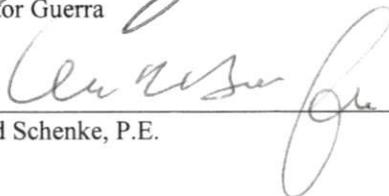
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Alexandra Yates, Grant Specialist Telephone: (559) 624-7021

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Date: 3/22/23

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 3.22.23

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____