

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

- To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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221 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93291



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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
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**Project Title:** Main Jail Demolition Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 2404 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291; APN 089-112-008

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** N/A

**Project Location - City:** Visalia, CA

**Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Main Jail as originally designed and build in approximately 1960 and does not meet the current jail facility standards including American Disability Act requirements. New Jail facilities have been built in Tulare County and there are plans to build additional facilities. The main jail facility has become obsolete as a detention facility. Sheriff's Department use of the facility has transitioned to newer facilities. Although not yet determined, potential use of the site post demolition could include construction of a smaller Sheriff Substation and additional new parking within the footprint of the existing structure.

The existing main jail facility is a five-story building (including the subsurface basement level). The total square footage of the facility is approximately 60,000 square feet. The main jail site is approximately two- and one-half acres of a larger County of Tulare campus with multiple buildings. The total size of the County parcel which contains the main jail is forty-four acres. The demolition plans will account for maintaining and or redistributing utilities to other buildings on the campus. A hazardous materials survey has been conducted by a certified industrial hygienist firm. The demolition plans will include specifications for hazardous material abatement and disposal according to applicable regulations (e.g., San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District). Once the demolition project is complete the site will be stabilized and maintained by Tulare County pending redevelopment of this portion of the campus for future government facilities. Except for short term traffic control and public utilities work, adjacent streets will not be impacted by the demolition project. Thus, this Project, when completed will provide a public benefit by providing space for new facilities that meet current building standards including American Disabilities Act and California Energy Code standards.

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

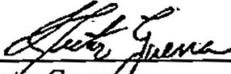
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)

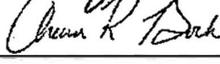
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15061(B)(3) Common Sense Rule
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with Section 15061(b)(3), Common Sense Rule as it is merely demolition of jail facility that is obsolete as a detention facility, it does not meet current standards, and it does not meet American Disability Act requirements. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15061(b)(3), is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

**Project Planner/Representative:** Reed Schenke, RMA Director      **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7000

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Reed Schenke, P.E.      RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted for filing by OPR: \_\_\_\_\_