

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

- To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: Mooney Grove Inclusive Playground
Project Location - Specific: 27000 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A.
Project Location - City: Visalia **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would result in the development of an Inclusive playground within the existing footprint of Mooney Grove Park, in Visalia, California. The Project will consist of an area of 9,110 ft. The playground will be all-inclusive for children and adolescents with access and functional needs. Equipment will include a complete playground unit with ramps, inclusive orbit, roller slide, inclusive swings, wheelchair accessibility swings, etc. The playground will serve all individuals and their families. It will also be a multi-generational playground because parents and grandparents may benefit from ramps and flat surfaces. This playground will be the first public playground of its kind in Tulare County. This project will encourage friendships between different groups of children, which promotes awareness and acceptance of diversity throughout the community.


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 (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15301 and 15303) Existing Facilities and New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; respectively**

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity is covered by Sections 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities and 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15303). As noted above, the project is to place a Dog Park within Mooney Grove Park to create recreational opportunities for the public. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Project Planner/Representative: Albert Cendejas **Area Code/Telephone:** (559)205-1100

By:  Date: 05/23/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

By:  Date: 5-27-23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. *Aaron Beck for*
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

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