

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov and jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Applicant(s): Big River Drilling LLC
P.O. Box 837
Riverdale, CA 93656 (559) 867-3806

Project Title: Individual Domestic Well for the Villa Property (CEQ 23-006)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 2956 N. Olive St., approximately 1.25 miles east of State Route 99 and 1.25 miles north of the Community of Pixley in Tulare County City of Visalia. (APN 295-130-030)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 28, Township 22 S, Range 25 E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Pixley

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located north of the Community of Pixley and is not within any Urban Developed Boundary or Urban Area Boundary. The site is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum). The property owner is constructing a new well to supply the property with water for the residential uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setbacks for the septic tank and leach lines. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate risk of contamination to the new well site location. 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 will provide water for the residence in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 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: 5/31/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: