

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o General Services Agency
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Project Title: Casa Grande Supportive Housing Project
Project Location - Specific: 347 E. Walnut Ave., Visalia, CA 93277 (APN 123-063-034)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 5, Township 19S, Range 25E
Project Location - City: Visalia, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The subject property is the former Casa Grande Assisted Living Facility. The lot is 2.72 acres in size with existing improvements consisting of 2 buildings, 20,000 sq ft in size and 25,000 sq ft in size with onsite parking and 1 unimproved vacant land area. The purchase of this property (and the accompanying structures) will allow Tulare County to repurpose the structures into an inpatient behavioral supportive housing facility that will provide behavioral health services to the underserved and unserved citizens in Tulare County.

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:
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: As noted earlier, the project is for the purchase of an existing building to be used for public purposes, that is, an inpatient behavioral supportive housing facility. The purchase of the subject property and conversion to an inpatient behavioral supportive housing facility is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures. As there will be minimal changes to the existing structures or expansion of the site area. The use of Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County General Services Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Jacalynn Wells, Property Manager

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Date: 6/06/23

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 6/6/23

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____