

# Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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**Applicant(s):** County of Tulare c/o Tulare County Fire Department  
835 S. Akers St. Ph: 559-802-9800  
Visalia, CA 93277

**Project Title:** Rock Plant Roadside Prescribed Fire Project  
**Project Location - Specific:** Unincorporated area between Terra Bella and Porterville in Tulare County, CA,  
**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** See Project Location Map, Attachment "A", incorporated herein by reference  
**Project Location - City:** N/A **Project Location - County:** Tulare


**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Rock Plant roadside prescribed fire project will eliminate vegetation along the roadway that pose an imminent fire threat. This area was selected due to the proximity to private property, traffic volume, fire history, and the ability to collaborate efforts across interested parties (Tulare County Roads, Tulare County, and Cal Fire). The proposal satisfies the objectives in the Tulare County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as well as the Tulare Cal Fire Unit Fire Plan. The scope of this project will be vegetation that exists along Avenue 120 East to Deer Creek. From Deer Creek North along Road 296 to Reservation Road 25 feet on either side from the pavement on either side of the road (approximately six(6) miles). The public benefit will be that this project would remove a threat to life, property, and the environment. A project area map is included herein at Attachment "A".

- 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(c));
  - General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
  - Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
  - Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project/activity is exempt:** The proposed project is excluded or exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on the grounds that the project is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities (c) As noted above, as there is an imminent fire threat, this area was selected due to the proximity to private property, traffic volume, fire history. Further, the project is consistent with Tulare County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as well as the Tulare Cal Fire Unit Fire Plan. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

**Project Planner/Representative:** Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Fire Chief Area Code/Telephone: 559-802-9802

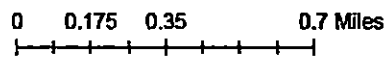
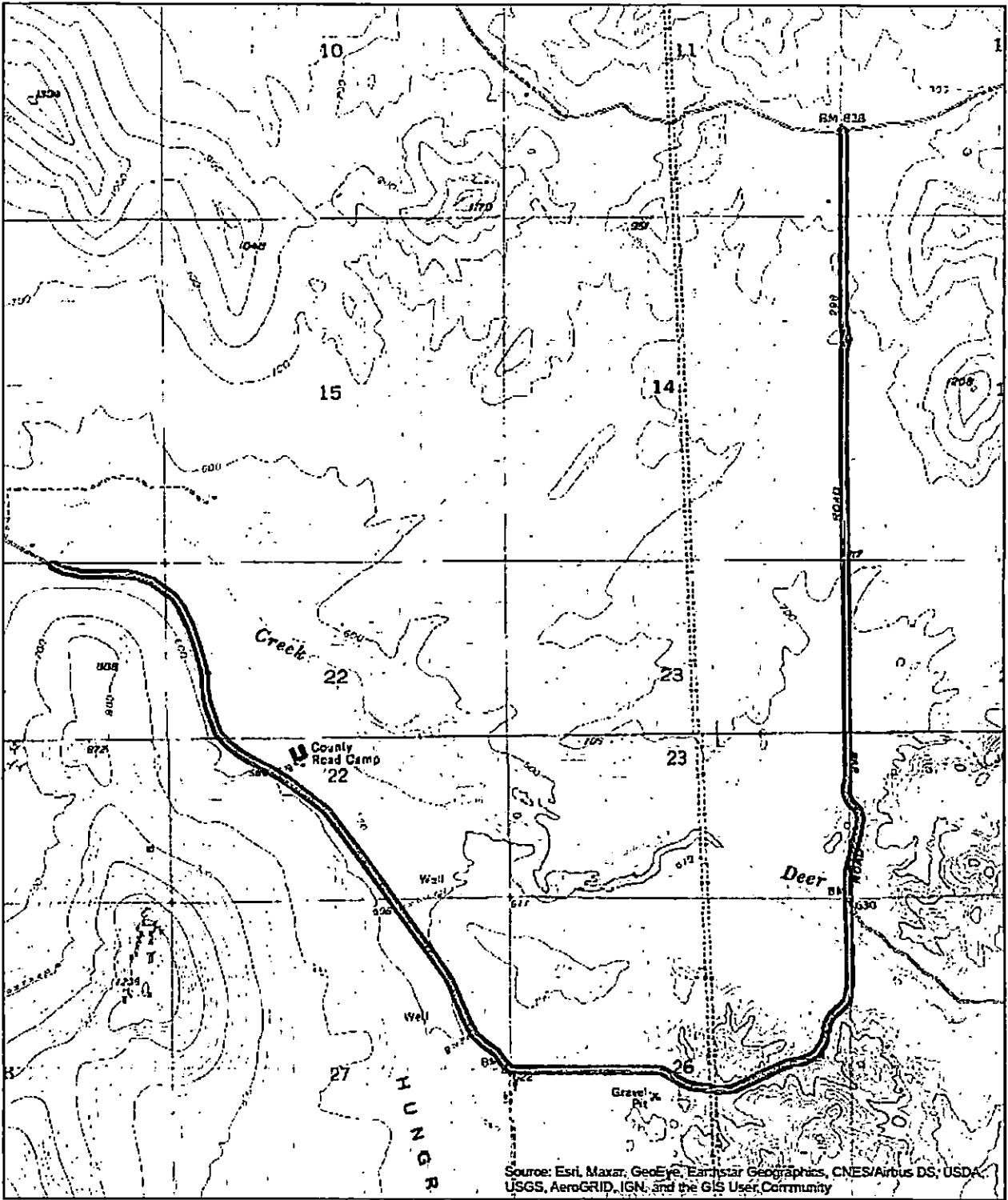
Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 6/06/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 6/7/23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Aaron Bock for Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

X Signed by Lead Agency

Submitted for filing at OPR/SCH on: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rock Plant Burn



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Date: 1/18/2023