

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o General Services Agency
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Project Title: Bartlett Park Emergency Well Construction
Project Location - Specific: Bartlett Park, 28801 Worth Dr, Porterville, CA 93257
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A
Project Location - City: Near the City Porterville, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The well at Bartlett Park (Park), located at 28801 Worth Dr, Porterville, CA 93257, is used for domestic and irrigation purposes for the entire park. After many failed attempts to repair it, the well has collapsed and is not functioning. Due to this failure, there is a high risk of losing trees and other vegetation. The well-replacement project will create a reliable irrigation system for the trees and vegetation (i.e., shrubs, grass, and other plants) within the park. At present, due to the failure of the well, Bartlett Park's sole source of irrigation is inoperable. An accelerated project delivery time is necessary to remediate risks to property (landscaping). Furthermore, given the current demand for drilling services, General Services Agency (Capital Projects Division) estimates that the design process for a new well at Bartlett Park will take two to three months, and that bidding, and construction will take an additional three months. These projections place the operational date for a new well in the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year (approximately five to six months).

Exempt Status:

- 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: This action is consistent with Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, § 15269 sets forth emergency projects that are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The installation of the new, replacement well at the Park falls within the scope of CCR § 15269(c) as it is a specific action "necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." Public Resource Code §21080(b)(4) also exempts the installation of the new well from CEQA as "necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15269 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

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Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____