

Notice of Exemption

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Activity / Project Title: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of Goshen

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 70, Commercial Road (LR70), Road 71, and Farr Road (LR71) at Avenue 310, in the Community of Goshen, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S19 T18S R24E

Activity / Project Location: Within the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety by installing a One-Way Stop sign at the currently uncontrolled "T" intersections of Road 70, Commercial Road, Road 71, and Farr Road at Avenue 310 in the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA. These intersections are currently uncontrolled, with no Stop signs.

In response to traffic safety concerns at these intersections, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety, the Traffic Operations Division determined that these intersections meet the requirement of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), which states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

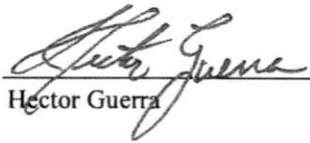
Exempt Status:


- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303(d) New Construction of street improvements)**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety, and as noted above, meets the requirement of Section 2B.04 of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to (14 Cal Code Regs, §15303(d)). Also, consistent with 14 CCR § 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Section 300 Class 1(c)(7). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 and Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Section 300 Class 1(c)(7) are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature:  Date: 8/01/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 8/1/23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency