

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o Tulare County Fire Department
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Visalia, CA 93277

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Project Title: Yokohl Roadside Prescribed Fire Project

Project Location - Specific: Unincorporated area within and near Yokohl Valley 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 Yokohl roadside prescribed fire project will eliminate vegetation along the roadway that poses a threat to life, property, and the environment. 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, Cal Fire, and local landowners). The scope of this project will be the vegetation that exists along Rocky Hill Drive to Yokohl Valley Dr, the vegetation on Yokohl Valley Drive from Highway 198 to Myer Drive, and the vegetation on Myer Drive from Yokohl Valley Drive to the Friant Kern Canal 25 feet on either side of the pavement on either side of the road. This project includes approximately 9 miles of roadway. 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)**

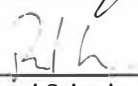
Statutory Exemptions:

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: 9/26/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 9/26/23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

X Signed by Lead Agency

Submitted for filing at OPR/SCH on: _____

<p>FILED TULARE COUNTY SEP 27 2023 ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p>
<p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</p>

Attachment "A"

