

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

## Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk  
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221 South Mooney Blvd.  
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277-9394 (559) 624-7000

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: East Orosi Community Services District Water Supply and Infrastructure Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023100252

Contact Person: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner

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**Project Location:** The proposed Project is located in two separate, discontinuous sites within the unincorporated communities of Orosi and East Orosi in Tulare County, California. The first Project area is located south of the Orosi Public Utility District (OPUD) and includes a new well and water main pipeline from the well to OPUD's water system. The new well is located approximately 0.12 mile east of the intersection of Avenue 408 and Road 128 (State Route 63), then runs north along Road 128 (approximately 0.85 mile) ending approximately 0.12 mile south of Avenue 412 where it will connect to an existing pipeline in Orosi. The second Project area is located east of OPUD and includes new East Orosi distribution piping, a new water tank site, and a new water main pipeline from East Orosi to OPUD's water system. The new East Orosi distribution piping is located in the community of East Orosi and replaces old water lines. The new tank site is located approximately 0.30 mile north of the intersection of Avenue 416 and Ione Road. The water main pipeline from East Orosi to OPUD's water system begins at the tank site and runs south along Ione Road (approximately 0.30 mile) to the intersection with Avenue 416, then runs west along Avenue 416 (approximately 1.0 mile) ending at Road 130 where it will connect to an existing pipeline in Orosi.


**Project Description:** The proposed Project will have five major components: (1) installation of a new well located southwest of the Orosi Public Utility District (OPUD); (2) installation of a new 300,000-gallon storage tank located in the East Orosi Community Service District (EOCSD); (3) replacement of the old (existing) asbestos-containing concrete-covered distribution pipeline system located in the EOCSD; (4) connection of a new pipeline from the new well to existing pipelines in Orosi and then connecting a new pipeline to the new storage tank in East Orosi; and (5) consolidate the EOCSD drinking water customers and the Family Education Center into OPUD. The new production well will provide a compliant water supply in an amount sufficient to meet the needs of East Orosi, Culter-Orosi Joint Unified School District (COJUSD) and if desired, to provide a supplemental water source for OPUD and/or Culter Public Utility District. An annexation of the EOCSD service area into the OPUD may also be required. In addition, the proposed Project would include replacement of meter boxes within EOCSD, installation of metered service connections and new fire hydrants, and abandonment of both EOCSD wells. The proposed Project will provide clean, reliable, potable water to the residents of East Orosi. The proposed Project will allow the EOCSD to meet current water demand without increasing water demand or inducing growth in the community.


This is to advise that the TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as the WATER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR for the EAST OROSI COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [ were  were not] made a condition of approval of this project.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

Signature:  Date: 1/23/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
 Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 2/6/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
 Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required

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Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid

Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.