

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): Tulare County Public Works
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Activity / Project Title: All-Way STOP Control on Road 160 & Avenue 24, southeast of Earlimart

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 160 and Avenue 24, southeast of the community of Earlimart, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SW¼ of SW¼ of S18 T24S R26E

Activity / Project Location: Southeast of the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety at the intersection of Road 160 and Avenue 24. It will consist of installing an All-Way Stop, just southeast of the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA. This intersection is currently controlled with Stops for east and westbound traffic only.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and traffic safety at this location, the Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and traffic safety as noted above, and as such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to (14 Cal Code Regs, §15303(d). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is 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: 11/07/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 11/7/23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency