

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): County of Tulare Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: General Plan Amendment No. GPA 20-006 – Environmental Justice Element

Project Location - Specific: All Unincorporated Areas of the County

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section N/A, Township N/A, Range N/A

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Senate Bill 1000 (SB1000), the Planning for Healthy Communities Act (Gov. Code § 65302), enacted by Governor Jerry Brown in September of 2016, required cities and counties to develop a stand-alone environmental justice element or to integrate EJ goals, objectives, and policies throughout other General Plan elements. The requirement to fulfill SB 1000 is triggered "if a local government adopts or updates two or more elements of its general plan after January 1, 2018". The County has prepared a draft Environmental Justice Element to be reviewed and adopted by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

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(b)(c));
Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
Categorical Exemption:
[X] Statutory Exemptions: Section 15262 Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15262 as a Planning Study with no legal or technical binding effect on the County, as it can be seen with certainty that the activities and policies are promotional in nature and therefore will not have a significant impact on the environment, and is therefore statutorily exempt for the provision of CEQA. This finding is consistent with the 2012 General Plan Environmental Impact Report, and tiers off its analysis as related to policies discussed in the EJ Element.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Russell Kashiwa Telephone: (559) 624-7000

Signature: Hector Guerra Date: 12/12/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: Reed Schenke, P.E. Date: 12 / 12 23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer RMA Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: