

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Vision Calvary Chapel- Ryan Ruckman
20220 Road 196
Lindsay, CA 93247 (559) 361-1200

Project Title: Community Well for the Vision Calvary Chapel (CEQ 23-018)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 20220 Road 196, approximately 1,500 feet north of Avenue 200 and 220 feet east of Road 196, and approximately 6 miles southwest of the City of Lindsay. (APN 214-160-038)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 26, Township 20S, Range 26E, MDBM

Project Location - City: N/A, southwest of the City of Lindsay

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located southwest of the City of Lindsay and is not within an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) or an Urban Developed Boundary (UDB). The property is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 Acre Minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for the community uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from an animal/fowl enclosure, located on the adjacent property. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination to the new well site location. The applicant will benefit from the Project as it is intended to meet their water needs for community purposes.

Exempt Status: (check one)

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures


Reasons why project is exempt:

This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the community in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13, Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Representative: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner Telephone: 559-624-7199

Lead Agency Representative:

Signature:  Date: 1/18/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 1/18/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____