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# Notice of Exemption

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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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Tulare County Clerk  
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221 South Mooney Boulevard  
Visalia, California 93291

**Lead Agency:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000  
Attn: gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov

**Applicant(s):** County of Tulare Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
4437 S. Laspina St.  
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 684-3355

**Project Title:** CDFA Noxious Weed Grant Program 2023-2025

**Project Location - Specific:** Throughout Tulare County, CA

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

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Tulare County Board of Supervisors (on August 15, 2023) entered into an Agreement with the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to provide funding for the County of Tulare Agriculture Commissioner's Office to offset costs of providing Noxious Weed Surveying and Treatment. The detection and treatment of invasive noxious weeds is critically important to the agricultural industry within Tulare County and State of California. Implementing the programs as provided by CDFA (i.e., the use of equipment, herbicides, chemicals, personnel, etc.) would mitigate the spread of several invasive weeds that threaten the cattle industry. As such, the funds will result in a public benefit by supporting the actions necessary to eradicate invasive weeds and protect the cattle industry as noted above.

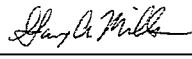
**Exempt Status:** (check one)

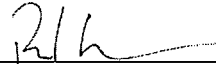
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption Section 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with CEQA Guidelines (California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6) Section 15061 (b)(3) that there is no possibility that the proposed grant activity may have a significant effect on the environment. Thus, Section 15061 (b)(3) is applicable and appropriate for this project. Further, CDFA certified a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Statewide Plant Pest Prevention and Management Program as an ongoing effort by CDFA to protect California's agriculture from damage caused by invasive plant species. CDFA also certified Addendum No. 1 (on July 15, 2016) and Addendum No. 2 (on April 17, 2017) to the PEIR. As such, the use of Sections 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment are appropriate and applicable.

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

**Project Representative** Sam Conant, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer **Telephone:** 559-684-3355

Signature:  Date: 2/27/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 2/27/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, PE RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A

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