

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Tulare
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From: (Public Agency): Tulare City School District
600 N Cherry St
Tulare, CA 93274
(Address)

Project Title: Tulare City School District Bus Maintenance Expansion Project

Project Applicant: Tulare City School District

Project Location - Specific:
600 North Cherry St., Tulare, CA 93274

Project Location - City: Tulare Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare City School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Joyce Hauff Nunes

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3: §15303 (e); Class 11 §15311 (b); Class 14: §15314
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Joyce Hauff Nunes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 685-7206

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 5-13-24 Title: Assistant Superintendent of Business

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

## **Attachment A: Tulare City School District Bus Maintenance Shop Expansion Project**

### **Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Tulare City School District (District) Transportation Shop Expansion Project (project) is located behind the District's main administrative office location and on a portion of the Cherry Avenue Middle School campus in Tulare, California. The purpose of the project is to provide additional space to maintain the District's school buses and fleet vehicles, ensuring the safety of the beneficiaries of the project: students, faculty, staff, the District, and the community. The project consists of the following actions:

- Replacement of an existing carport and storage buildings with an approximately 6,000 square feet maintenance building
- Removal of turf and asphalt paving
- Installation of chainlink fencing and mow strip around the perimeter of the project area
- Future installation of a bus EV system equipment yard
- Removal of existing concrete curb and post footings
- Construction of a new bus wash
- Construction of a small parking lot with entry/exit from North Delwood Street
- Installation of perimeter LED lighting in the parking lot.

### **Reasons why project is exempt:**

- Under Section 15303 (e), the project includes the installation of new chainlink fencing, a bus wash station, and future EV equipment yard that are considered to be accessory to the existing maintenance facility.
- Under Section 15311 (b), the project includes the construction of a small parking lot. Additionally, the project includes the minor addition of a maintenance building within existing school grounds.
- Under Section 15314. The project does not include the construction or installation of new classrooms and will not expand school capacity or the size population of students and faculty. The project will allow the District to more efficiently and effectively repair and maintain school buses and other vehicles. The project will also help lower District expenditures by expanding bus lifespans and reducing vehicle repair costs. It will also improve safety for the students, faculty, staff, and the community by ensuring the internal, external, and mechanical bus components are well maintained.