

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

## Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
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Project Title: Avenue 376 over Traver Canal Bridge (No. 46C-0353) Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located approximately 1.25 miles east of State Route 99 and approximately 1.25 miles north of the community of Traver.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 4 & 9, Township 17S, Range 23E, MDBM

Project Location - City: north of Traver Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare County (County) proposes to replace the existing Avenue 376 over Traver Canal Bridge to meet current standards and accommodate two 11-ft travel lanes. The existing structure was built in 1923 and qualifies to receive federal funding for replacement due to the old age of the bridge and non-standard geometric configuration of the structure in relation to the approach roadway. The proposed bridge will consist of an approximately 45-foot long by 22-foot wide, multi-span cast-in-place reinforced concrete box culvert. Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2025 and will be completed in approximately 6-months. Avenue 376 would be temporarily closed at the bridge site and a temporary detour would be established during construction. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and vehicles, including large agricultural equipment, using these facilities.

### 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: CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 2 Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. Categorical Exemptions Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction (c). As such, Sections 15302 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Project Planner/Representative: Carlos Gonzalez

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Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 6/25/24

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: \_\_\_\_\_