

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency - Public Works Branch
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Project Title: 2024 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 1

Project Location - Specific

Location 1 – Road 92/Drive 92B (West Street) between Tulare City Limits and Avenue 264
Location 2 – Avenue 248 (Cartmill) between Road 68 and Road 92 (West Street)
Location 3 – Road 68 between Avenue 280 and Avenue 290
Location 4 – Road 196 between Drive 184B (Lort Drive) and Avenue 320
Location 5 – Road 196 between Avenue 320 and Avenue 344 (State Route 216)
Location 6 – Avenue 344 between Road 172 and State Route 216
Location 7 – Intersection of Avenue 230 and Road 242 (Peach Avenue)

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

Project Location - City: Unincorporated areas near the Cities of Tulare, Visalia, Woodlake, Exeter, and Lindsay

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of repairing asphalt materials on multiple segments of existing County roads. The work includes a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new asphalt surfacing. All projects will include corrective work (adding a thin course of granular material for leveling to minimize drop-off heights for overlays) to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. Furthermore, all newly surfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings. Efficient and responsive improvements and maintenance of the County road network will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the access of pedestrians and the transportation infrastructure for the general population throughout the region. In addition, the project includes storm drain improvements along the northwest side of Avenue 230 and southeast side of Road 242 to alleviate existing isolated flooding conditions at this intersection and adjacent properties. Construction is anticipated to begin fall of 2024.

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 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:


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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, 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 facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c). As such, Sections 15301 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Claudia Sanchez **Telephone:** 559-624-7000

Signature:  Date: 7/16/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 7/16/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to OPR: _____