

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
4437 S Laspina Street Ste A
Tulare Ca 93274 559-684-3350

Project Title: Fish & Wildlife Projects FY2024/2025

Project Location - Specific: Various locations within 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 July 30, 2024, approved a disbursement by the Tulare County Fish and Wildlife Commission that will be included in the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Program budget request for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The funding will include various projects consistent with Fish and Game Code Section 13103, Fish and Game Project. Section 13103 stipulates that may be expended solely for projects related to the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife such as temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife; breeding, raising, or purchasing fish or wildlife to be released onto public areas; improvement of fish and wildlife habitat; and predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife. As such, the funds will result in a public benefit by providing the services noted above.

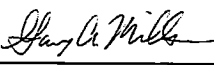
Exempt Status:


- 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 Section 15307 Class 7 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with CEQA Guidelines [California Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6] Section 15307 Class 7 because this Project consists of actions taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Thus, Section 15307 Class 7 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Telephone: (559) 684-3371

Signature:  Date: 7/30/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 7/31/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____