

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Big River Drilling, LLC
P.O. Box 837
Riverdale, CA 93656 (559) 867-3806

Project Title: Domestic Well for the Gonzales Property (CEQ 24-011)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 35600 Road 124, Lot G., approximately 0.23 mile east of Road 124 and approximately 0.8 mile north of Avenue 352, and approximately 5 miles north of the City of Visalia. (APN 051-020-016)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 20, Township 17S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: N/A, north of the City of Visalia Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located north of the City of Visalia and is not within an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) or an Urban Developed Boundary (UDB). The property is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 Acre Minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for the residential uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum 100' setback requirements from the septic tank and leach lines. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination to the new well site location. The beneficiary of the project is the property owner.

Exempt Status: (check one)

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Reasons why project is exempt:


This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the residence in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13, Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

Project Representative: Danielle Folk, Planner III Telephone: 559-624-7029

Lead Agency Representative:

Signature:  Date: 8/19/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 8/20/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: 8/20/24