

Notice of Exemption

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Blue Stone Rock, LLC
14200 Road 284
Porterville, CA 93257
559-781-6389

Project Title: Minor Modification – MIM 24-040 to PMR 13-001

Project Location - Specific: 0.5 mile East of Old Stage Road and 1 mile North of Hot Springs Drive, Fountain Springs (APN: 323-260-004)

Project Location- Section, Township and Range: Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M
Project Location - City: N/A
Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This minor modification to PMR 13-001 is to grant a five-year extension to this surface mining facility's Interim Management Plan in accordance to State PRC 2770. The beneficiaries of the project would be the citizens of Tulare County.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061 (b)(3)) (No Possibility of Significant Impact)
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15300.1 Relation to Ministerial Projects
- Categorical Exemption: Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Guideline § 15303, Class 3 pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is categorically exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15061 the Common Sense Rule. The use of Section 153061 (b)(3) is applicable and appropriate as the requested modification proposes to extend IMP for an additional five years in accordance with State PRC 2770, until June 1, 2029. The requested modification would not increase the development area of the approved site plan, intensify the use of the facility, nor change any conditions of the permit.

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

Project Planner: Jose Saenz Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7000

Signature: *Gary A. Mills* Date: 10/9/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature: *Reed Schenke* Date: 10/9/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: _____