

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
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Project Title: CDFA Glassy Winged Sharpshooter Program FY 24/25

Project Location - Specific: Tulare County

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Countywide

Project Location - City: Tulare County, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On December 10, 2024, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors entered into an Agreement with the State of California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) to provide funding for the County of Tulare Agricultural Commissioner's Office to offset costs of providing and continuing the pest management and detection program to detect and mitigate the presence of Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS). The continuation of this program is important to substantially reduce populations of GWSS in order to decrease the potential for the spread of Pierce's Disease. The detection and treatment of this invasive Pest is critically important to the agricultural industry within Tulare County and State of California. Implementing the programs as provided by CDFA (i.e., detect/identify/control new GWSS infestations through insect trapping, visual inspections, and surveys) would mitigate the spread of the invasive GWSS Pest that threatens the Agricultural Industry. As such, the funds will result in a public benefit by supporting the actions necessary to mitigate the invasive GWSS Pest and protect the Agricultural Industry as noted above.

Exempt Status: (check one)


Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency

Reasons why project is exempt: The CDFA certified a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Project No. 11001 for the Statewide Plant Pest Prevention and Management Program as an ongoing effort by CDFA to protect California's agriculture from damage caused by invasive plant species. This program provides the ability to detect new infestations of the pest and control the population by applying pre-approved chemicals targeted to control the invasive Glassy-winged Sharpshooter. Activities described in this workplan qualify for the exemption to CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4). The County will complete tiering strategy checklists for inspection, trapping, and treatment (if applicable) and ensure all activities follow the CDFA Management Practices and Mitigation Measures. The County will complete tiering strategy checklists for inspection, trapping, and treatment (if applicable) and ensure all activities follow the CDFA Management Practices and Mitigation Measures.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare


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Date: 12/3/2024

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

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Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 12/3/24

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LUCI/SCH: _____

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