

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Governor's Office of Land Use
and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000

Project Title: Avenue 364 over Cottonwood Creek Bridge Revegetation Project

Project Location - Specific: Kaweah Oaks Preserve in Tulare County, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: SW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 28, Township 18S, Range 26E, MDBM

Project Location - City: near the City of Exeter, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The County of Tulare intends to have trees planted at Kaweah Oaks Preserve in Exeter, CA, through Sequoia Riverlands Trust to replace trees removed as a result of the Avenue 364 over Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement Project. The Revegetation Project area will not exceed 5 acres. The bridge replacement project benefits Tulare County residents and visitors as it results in a modern, structurally sound, and functionally adequate bridge.

Exempt Status: (check one)

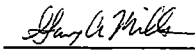
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 33 Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 33 Section 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects. As noted earlier, the Revegetation Project will replace trees removed as part of the Avenue 364 over Cottonwood Creek Bridge Project and will not exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protect of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15333 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

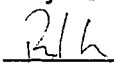
Project Planner/Representative: Jennifer Cervantes

Telephone: 559-624-7169

Signature: 
Gary Mills

Date: 12/11/2024

Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: 
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Date: 12/11/24

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____