


Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare


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Date: 12/17/24

Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION 1 A

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# 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

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

**Project Title:** Terra Bella Avenue Farm 2 Market Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Location 1 – Avenue 96 (Terra Bella Avenue) between Park Drive and Road 192  
Location 2 – Avenue 95 (Terra Bella Avenue) between Road 208 and State Route 65

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Location 1 – Sections 1-5, T23S, R25E; Sections 3-6, T23S, R26E  
Location 2 - Sections 4-6, T23S, R27E

**Project Location - City:** Pixley, CA to west of Terra Bella, CA

**Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project consists of rehabilitating the roadway by ensuring safety countermeasures are addressed and provides efficient transportation of agricultural goods throughout the County of Tulare. Improvements will be made along Terra Bella Avenue (Avenue 95/96) near the unincorporated community of Terra Bella between Park Drive and Road 192 and between Road 208 and State Route 65. Rehabilitating the roadway consists of a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by an asphalt overlay. A portion of Avenue 96 from Park Drive to School St. will require partial milling of existing asphalt materials followed by the application of new asphalt material surfacing. Resurfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings along with corrective work to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. These improvements will provide a public benefit by improving the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities.

### 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 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c). As such, Sections 15301 (c) and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.