

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Tulare County Clerk
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Visalia, CA 93291

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Applicant(s): Tulare County General Services Agency
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Project Title: County Counsel Annex

Project Location - Specific: Tulare County Counsel, 2900 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 25, Township 18, Range 24E MDPM

Project Location - City: Visalia, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare County General Services will be replacing the County Counsel Annex Building. The existing County Counsel Annex is a relocatable modular building. The existing modular building is 24' X 40'. The existing modular serves as supplemental office space for the main Tulare County Counsel office building. The existing modular is in need of replacement due to age and deterioration. The replacement relocatable modular will be 36' X 40'. The new modular building will be located in the same area as the current modular. The Project scope will include the removal of the existing modular, new foundation work; removal and replacement of electrical and low voltage infrastructure, the addition of new ADA compliant sidewalk construction, and minor landscaping repairs. The new modular will be more energy efficient with newer HVAC units and wall and roof construction incorporating higher R-values. The building will be all electric. The replacement relocatable modular building will continue to serve as supplemental office space for the adjacent Tulare County Counsel Office building.

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 Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction**
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies


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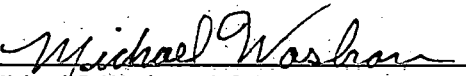
Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, including operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. In this instance, replacement of the modular building with the features noted earlier. In addition, this action is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced on the same site. Therefore, the application of CEQA Sections 15301 Class 1 and 15302 Class 2 are applicable and appropriate for this Project.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Mark Van Fossen, Capital Projects Coordinator III **Telephone:** (559) 205-1140

Signature:  Date: 4/10/2025 Title: Chief Planner,
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 4/10/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____