

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Ignacio Madriz
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Orosi, CA 93647 (559) 802-8651

Project Title: Domestic Well for the Ignacio Madriz Property (CEQ 25-003)

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at 34426 Millwood Drive, approximately 260 feet north of State Highway 216 and 930 feet west of Road 196, near the City of Woodlake. (APN 059-170-002)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 27, Township 17S, Range 26E, MDBM

Project Location - City: just east of City of Woodlake

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project site is located just east of the City of Woodlake and is within the Woodlake Urban Development Boundary and is zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for the domestic uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from the septic tank and leach lines/disposal fields. The contractor will install a 66' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination to the new well site. The beneficiary of the Project is the property owner.

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 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

Reasons why project is exempt:

This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the residence in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV: Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13; Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is 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 Representative: Danielle Folk, Planner III **Telephone:** 559-624-7029

Lead Agency Representative:

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Signature: *Gary A. Mills*
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Date: 5/15/25

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: *Michael Washam*
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 5/15/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee Date

Signed by Lead Agency

submitted to LCI: 5/16/25