

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): Adrian and Korrie Herrera
25221 Road 68
Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 684-2728

Project Title: Domestic Well for the Herrera Property (CEQ 25-009)

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at 25221 Road 68, on the northwest corner of Avenue 252 and Road 68, approximately 4 miles northwest of the City of Tulare. (APN 148-010-057)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 25, Township 19S, Range 23E, MDBM

Project Location - City: N/A, northwest of Tulare **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project site is located northwest of the City of Tulare and is not within any Urban Development Boundary, and is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 Acre Minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for domestic uses since the current well on the property has run dry. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is also unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from an animal/fowl enclosure. The contractor will be adding an additional bentonite seal from 140-160', as well as the required 50' annular seal, to eliminate risk of contamination to the new well site location. 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. 15269(b));
- Common Sense Rule: 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 domestic property in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum) zoned property. The well currently on the property is the sole source of water for this property and went dry. As drinking water is not available on the property without a working well, replacement of the well was deemed an emergency project by the Tulare County Environmental Health Department. As such, CEQA Section 15269(b) is appropriate for this Project. 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

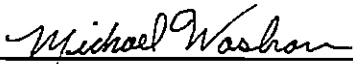
Project Representative: Danielle Folk, Planner III Telephone: 559-624-7029

Lead Agency Representative:

Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 6/24/2025

Title: Chief Planner
Environmental Planning Division

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

Date: 6/24/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to LCI: _____