

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Applicant(s): Felicitas Barajas
25753 Hypericum St.
Visalia, CA 93292 (559) 799-1368

Project Title: Domestic Well for the Barajas Property (CEQ 25-012)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 25753 Hypericum St., approximately 945 feet north of Avenue 256 and 2,278 feet east of Road 156, approximately 4.5 miles southeast of the City of Visalia. It is located in the Hypericum Legacy Development Boundary. (APN 152-060-028)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 24, Township 19S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: N/A, southeast of Visalia Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project site is located southeast of the city of Visalia and is within the Hypericum Legacy Development Boundary, and is zoned A-1(Agricultural Zone). 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, leach lines, and animal/fowl enclosure. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination to the new well site. The beneficiary of the Project is the property owner.

Exempt Status:

- 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 A-1(Agricultural Zone) 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.

As such, Sections 15303 and 15300.4 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 Representative: Danielle Folk, Planner III

Telephone: 559-624-7029

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Date: 8/28/25

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Environmental Planning Division

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Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 8.28.25

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to LCI: _____