

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

**From:** (Public Agency): Tulare County RCD  
3530 W Orchard Court  
Visalia CA 93277

(Address)

Project Title: Rancheria Fire Control Road Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: Tulare County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately six air miles north of Springville, CA, off of Bear Creek road.

Project Location - City: Springville, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A wildfire defense zone will be maintained along an existing CAL FIRE fire control road located on private property. Surface vegetation and lower branches of trees will be manually removed for a maximum distance of 150 feet on either side of the fire control road. Vegetation will be removed using chainsaws and pruning saws. Treated vegetation will be disposed of by chipping or piling and burning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tulare County Resource Conservation District

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Minor Alterations to Land 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not impact known archaeological sites, threatened or endangered species, or result in significant erosion or sedimentation. Project activities will be timed to occur after the flowering season for sensitive annual plant species. An archaeological report was prepared by a professional archaeologist. No heavy equipment or other ground disturbing equipment is proposed off of the existing roadway.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Antonia Perez

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?   ▪ Yes    No

Signature:    Date: 9/18/2025   Title: Board President

▪ Signed by Lead Agency   Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_