NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov and jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicants: Larry Castro & Patricia A. Castro
2836 W. Border Links Drive
Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 730-1199

Project Title: Tentative Parcel Map No. PPM 25-032

Project Location - Specific: APN: 148-040-018; The site is located on the north side of Avenue 248 (Cartmill Avenue), approximately 1,300 feet west of Road 80, northwest of Tulare.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 29, Township 19S, Range 24E
Project Location - City: Tulare, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare (unincorporated area)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project is a Tentative Parcel Map No. PPM 25-032 requested by Larry Castro and Patricia A. Castro, 2836 W. Border Links Drive, Visalia, CA 93291 (agent: Neil Zerlang – Land Surveyor, 2908-B West Main Street, Visalia, CA 93291) to allow the division of 80-acres into two parcels: Proposed Parcel 1= 2.68 acres and Proposed Parcel 2= 77.44 acres in the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural - 40 acre minimum) Zone.

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:
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity is covered by the Common Sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The project is compatible with this exemption because the site is being divided into two parcels, with two existing residences (single-family dwelling & mobilehome). The parcel map is only creating a homesite parcel. The project is exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15061 Review for Exemption (b)(3) pertaining to the Common Sense Rule.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare
Project Planner/Representative: Frances Tirado-Garcia **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature: Gary A Mills Date: 10/8/2025 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Michael Washam Date: 8/10/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____