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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Tulare

From: (Public Agency): Tulare County Resource Conservation District
3530 West Orchard Court
Visalia, CA 93277
(Address)

Project Title: Balch-Blue Ridge Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Tulare County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
Balch Park and Blue Ridge Roads, Tulare County, CA

Project Location - City: Springville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
A roadside fuel break will be established within 60' of Balch Park road, Blue Ridge road, and Grouse Valley fire control road, as well as broadcast fuels treatments in S18, T19S, R30E. Project activities include masticating, mechanical piling, hand piling, pile burning, broadcast burning, chipping, and falling dead trees.

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. A biological report was prepared to assess impacts to sensitive species. 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Antonia Perez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-754-3155

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: 10/14/2025 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: _____