

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

## Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
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Project Title: CDFA Area Wide Glassy Winged Sharpshooter Control Program FY 25/26 & 26/27

Project Location - Specific: Tulare County

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Countywide

Project Location - City: Tulare County, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** On October 21, 2025, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors entered into an Agreement with the State of California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) to provide funding for the County of Tulare Agricultural Commissioner's Office to offset costs of providing and continuing the area wide pest management program to mitigate the presence of Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (GWSS). The continuation of this program is important to substantially reduce populations of GWSS in order to decrease the potential for the spread of Pierce's Disease. The detection and treatment of this invasive Pest is critically important to the agricultural industry within Tulare County and State of California. Implementing the programs as provided by CDFA (i.e., providing grower reimbursements for those who participate in this program for pre-approved treatment costs) would mitigate the spread of the invasive GWSS Pest that threaten the Agricultural Industry. As such, the funds will result in a public benefit by supporting the actions necessary to mitigate the invasive GWSS Pest and protect the Agricultural Industry as noted above. Further, this program is necessary to prevent an emergency which would result in the spread of the GWSS and Pierce's Disease.

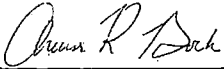
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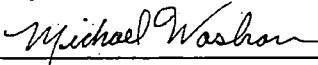
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4))  
 Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 8 Section 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The CDFA certified a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Project No. 11001 for the Statewide Plant Pest Prevention and Management Program as an ongoing effort by CDFA to protect California's agriculture from damage caused by invasive plant species. This program provides reimbursement to Tulare County growers that are using licensed Pest Control Advisors (PCA's) and licensed applicators to apply pre-approved chemicals targeted to control the invasive Glassy-winged Sharpshooter pest in their orchards. This consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to protect the environment and is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Class 8, Section 15308 of the California Code of Regulations; as such, the use of Section 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment is appropriate and applicable. Further, this program will help prevent an emergency related to the spread of the invasive GWSS and Pierce's Disease, which is consistent with Section 21080(b)(4) of the Public Resources Code.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Christopher P. Greer, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Telephone: (559) 624-3350

Signature:  For \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10.22.25 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 10/21/2025 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_