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Applicant(s): Tulare County
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Project Title: Williamson Act Agricultural Preserve Formations and Enlargements

Project Location - Specific:
Location 1 - PAP 25-001, APN(s): 036-050-034, approximately one (1) mile west of Dry Creek Road or (County Hwy J21).
Location 2 - PAP 25-004, APN(s): 323-210-006, approximately 1,330 feet east of Road 264, and 1,330 feet north of Avenue 88.
Location 3 - PAP 25-005, APN(s): 320-280-009, on the north side of Avenue 74 and approximately 0.12 miles east of Road 252.
Location 4 - PAP 25-006, APN(s): 270-110-065 and 270-110-063, on the northwest corner of the Road 252 and Avenue 128 intersection.
Location 5 - PAP 25-007, APN(s): 012-212-014 and 012-212-014, south of Avenue 422, between Roads 56 and 62.
Location 6 - PAP 25-008, APN(s): 141-070-005, southwest corner of Avenue 260 and Road 208.
Location 7 - PAP 25-009, APN(s): 270-110-028, 270-110-036, 270-110-037, 270-110-038, and 270-110-068, North of Avenue 128, between Roads 252 and 256.
Location 8 - PAP 25-010, APN(s): 219-100-066, east of Balch Park Road, approximately 0.6 of a mile south of Bear Creek Road.
Location 9 - PAP 25-011, APN(s): 291-060-017 and 291-060-025, north of Avenue 120, and east of State Highway 43.
Location 10 - PAP 25-012, APN(s): 030-130-006 and 030-130-020, south of Avenue 408, west of Road 96.
Location 11 - PAP 25-013, APN(s): 035-170-021, north of State Highway 201, 0.25 miles west of Road 127.
Location 12 - PAP 25-014, APN(s): 032-040-002, east of Road 112, approximately 0.25 miles north of Avenue 400.
Location 13 - PAP 25-015, APN(s): 228-170-005 and 230-010-001, south of Avenue 160, west of State Highway 99.
Location 14 - PAP 25-016, APN(s): 304-090-056, west of Road 264, approximately 0.25 miles north of Avenue 104.
Location 15 - PAP 25-017, APN(s): 255-040-042 and 243-060-012, north of Avenue 184, approximately 2000 feet west of Road 243.
Location 16 - PAP 25-018, APN(s): 243-040-038, 243-040-039, and 243-040-050, north of Avenue 186 and west of Road 228.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Various

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project is proposing to form and enlarge Williamson Act Agricultural Preserves within Tulare County. Each of the sites specified above has contained agricultural uses for at least the past five (5) years. The purpose of this project is to reduce the property tax on parcels of land dedicated to agricultural uses via committing those sites to agricultural uses for a continuously renewed nine (9) year period. The beneficiaries of the project are the property owners who would receive the tax benefits associated with placing farmland within an Agricultural Preserve.

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 17 Section 15317 Open Space Contracts or Easements**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15317 Class 17, Open Space Contracts or Easements, which consists of the establishment of agricultural preserves, the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act, or the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area. The cancellation of such preserves, contracts, interests, or easements is not included and will normally be an action subject to the CEQA process. The formation and enlargement of Agricultural Preserves under the Williamson Act would not have a significant effect on the environment, as all sites proposing to enter an Ag Preserve have maintained agricultural uses for at least five (5) years, and entering an Ag Preserve would limit uses unrelated to agriculture on the properties.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Emily Gage, Planner III **Telephone:** (559) 624-7083

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Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: