NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Tulare County c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Julie L. Smothermon
Site address on the east side of Road 224, approximately 0.3-mile South of state Hwy 190
Porterville, CA 93257 (559) 624-7183

Project Title: Zone Variance Map No. PZV 25-047 & Tentative Parcel Map PPM 25-044

Project Location - Specific: APN(s):302-320-015; The subject site is located on the east side of Road 224, approximately 0.3-mile South of state Hwy 190, Porterville, CA 93257.
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 4, Township 22S, Range 27E Mount Diablo Principal Meridian.
Project Location - City: Porterville, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This division of land would create two (2) new parcels from the original 4.47 acres, Parcel 1= 1.46-acre and Parcel 2= 3.32-acre. The Zone Variance PZV 25-047 is associated with Tentative Parcel Map No. PPM 25-044 to allow the creation of a new parcel less than the 20-acre minimum parcel size allowed in the AE-20 zone.
Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 pertaining to New Construction.
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b) (3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: Based on Supporting CEQA Analysis for this Project the proposed project is consistent with the criteria outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because 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. The subject parcel is located within Safety Zone 6 of the Porterville Municipal Airport (PTV-4), as designated by the Tulare County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (TCAL). According to TCAL, single-family residential uses are considered conditionally compatible within Safety Zone 6. In areas where aircraft noise exceeds 60 dB CNEL, residential structures must comply with California Noise Standards and be designed to achieve an interior noise level of 45 dB CNEL or less. 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. Section 15061 (b)(3) is applicable and appropriate for PZV 25-047 and PPM 25-044 because the proposed Zone Variance and proposed land division will not make any physical change to the environment and will result in creation of two parcels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
Project Planner/Representative: Nebeyu D. Menkir **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 12-10-25 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Michael Washam Date: 12/8/2025 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to the OPR/SCH: