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Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 1/27/2026

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to LCI: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

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

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000

Project Title: Grant of Real Property to the State of California in connection with State Route 63 and Avenue 416 Intersection Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: State Highway in Tulare County in the community of Oroshi, at the intersection of State Route 63 and Avenue 416

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 18, Township 16S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Oroshi

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Grant of Real Property to the State of California for the purpose of improving the existing traffic control system and non-compliant American with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps at the intersection of State Route 63 and Avenue 416 in the community of Oroshi, Tulare County. This project is needed to satisfy the guidelines of the State Highway Safety Improvement Program, which is a comprehensive effort to reduce the number and severity of collisions on the State Highway system by implementing safety improvements to existing roadways.

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: CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This activity is covered by Section 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense exemption on the grounds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, as such, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Hernan Beltran Herrera, Chief Engineer

Telephone: 559-624-7176

Signature: 
Gary Mills

Date: 1/29/2026

Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Environmental Planning Division

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