

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): J & O Well Drilling
756 Tuohy Ave
Exeter, CA 93221 (559) 967-4422

Project Title: Domestic Well for the Brent Sparlin Property (CEQ 26-001)
Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 12956 Avenue 240 (Prosperity Ave), approximately 5,000 feet south of Avenue 248 (Cartmill Ave) and 1,500 feet west of Road 132, just east of the City of Tulare. (APN 150-150-027)
Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 32, Township 19S, Range 25E, MDBM
Project Location - City: east of the City of Tulare **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project site is located just east of the City of Tulare and is not within any Urban Development Boundary and is zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural 40 acre minimum). The property owner is requesting an administrative variance for construction of a new (replacement) well to supply the property with water for the domestic uses consistent with the existing zoning. The location of the new well is unable to comply with the minimum setback requirements from an animal/fowl enclosure. The contractor will install a 100' annular seal to eliminate the risk of contamination on the new well site. The beneficiary of the Project is the property owner.

Exempt Status: (check one)

Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; in this instance, the new structure will provide water for the residence in the AE-40 zoned property. Also, construction of a well is subject to Tulare County Ordinance Code Part IV: Health, Safety and Sanitation Chapter 13; Construction of Wells. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this Project.


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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Representative: Danielle Fok, Planner III Telephone: 559-624-7029

Lead Agency Representative:

Signature:  Date: 2/9/2026 Title: Chief Planner
Gary A. Mills Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  Date: 2/9/2026 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency Date submitted to LCI: _____