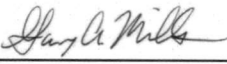


Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

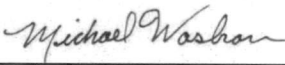
Project Planner/Representative: Christopher P. Greer, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Telephone: (559) 624-3350

Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 1/13/2026

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 1/13/26

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section

- 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 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov and jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov

Applicant(s): Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
4437 South Laspina Street, Ste A
Tulare, Ca 93274 559-684-3350

Project Title: Tulare County Weed Management Agency

Project Location - Specific: Tulare County

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: 36, 17 South, 27 East - Countywide

Project Location - City: Tulare County, Ca **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the Tulare County Weed Management Agency is to treat and control *Ailanthus altissima*, Tree of Heaven, *Arundo donax*, Giant Reed, *Centaurea solstitialis*, Yellow Star Thistle *Spartium junceum*, Spanish Broom, *Tamarix* spp., Tamarisk or other A, B, Q and Cal-IPC noxious weed listed. The listed above exists in large population, relatively easy to eradicate and growth habits make certain control methods more feasible. The control of invasive weeds is vital to the presentation and future ecological health of the riparian areas of the Kaweah River drainage along the main river from the Sequoia National Park and protects our agricultural resources and agricultural production throughout Tulare County.

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 7 Section 15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources**
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 8 Section 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment**
- Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 7 consists of regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Class 8 consists of regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. This project will be carried out by a regulatory agency and/or authorized contracted individuals and is mandated by state law and local ordinances. As appropriate for each species, a combination of mechanical and chemical control methods will be utilized. Therefore, the application of CEQA Sections 15307 & 15308 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

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