

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Applicant(s):** The Towers, LLC.  
22 W. Atlantic Avenue, Ste 310  
Delray Beach, FL 33444 (323) 979-7914

**Project Title:** Special Use Permit No. PSP 25-091, The Towers, LLC.

**Project Location - Specific:** Located approximately 1,300 feet east of the corner of Avenue 4 and Road 184, on the northside of Avenue 4, Earlimart, CA (APN: 338-030-025).

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:** Section 34, Township 24S, Range 26E

**Project Location - City:** Earlimart, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Notice of Exemption for Special Use Permit No. PSP 25-091 to allow a new 106 foot tall monopole tower wireless facility with associated equipment on a 2,500 square foot portion of a 16.08 acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 Acre Minimum) Zone, within the Rural Valley Lands Plan, with the Land Use Designation of Valley Ag.

**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 Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
- Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section**

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Class 3, Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, whereas the allowance of a new 106 foot tall monopole tower wireless facility with associated equipment on a 2,500 square foot portion of a 16.08 acre parcel 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. This is because the Special Use Permit is merely allowing a new 106 foot tall monopole tower wireless facility with associated equipment. The use is allowed by Tulare County Ordinance No. 352 with the approval of a Special Use Permit. This action qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), as it involves the installation of a new 106-foot-tall monopole tower wireless communications facility and associated equipment on approximately 2,500 square feet of a 16.08 acre parcel.


With respect to aesthetics, the proposed lattice tower will be located in a rural area with limited visual sensitivity and at a sufficient distance from public viewpoints and residential structures. The scale of the surrounding parcel and existing topography further minimize visual impacts. No scenic resources or view corridors will be obstructed. Therefore, the proposed facility will not result in a significant visual impact.

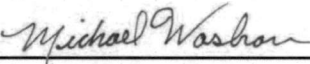
Given the limited scope of the project, its conformance with applicable land use regulations, and the absence of potentially significant environmental effects, including visual impacts, the application of CEQA Class 3, Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency

**Project Planner/Representative:** David Alexander, Planner III      **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature:       Date: 2/25/2026      Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Gary A. Mills      Environmental Planning Division

Signature:       Date: 2/25/2026      Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee  
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: \_\_\_\_\_