



# COUNTY OF TULARE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: State Clearinghouse  
PO Box 3044/ 1400 Tenth St  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: County of Tulare – RMA  
5961 S Mooney Blvd  
Visalia CA 93277

Date: March 25, 2026

Subject: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Scoping Meeting

Project Title: Goshen Community Plan Update

Project Applicant: County of Tulare

Project Location: Unincorporated Community of Goshen. Approximately five miles west of Visalia and approximately 21 miles south of Fresno on State Route 99 near the western edge of Tulare County.

Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit(s) or other approval(s) for the project. In addition, please provide us with contact information of the person(s) in your agency that we may contact during the CEQA process.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

A scoping meeting is scheduled for the 8th day of April 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address shown above. Please sign in at the Security Desk in the Government Plaza main lobby. The scoping meeting will also be available online via Microsoft Teams using the following link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24450804791018?p=d0DyNUNV2gkKp8K6o2>, Meeting ID: 244 508 047 910 18 and Passcode: cR9sp9iD.

Please direct your response to Gary Mills, Chief Planner at the address shown above, by e-mail at [gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov), or by telephone at 559-624-7199.

Signature:  Date: 3/25/2026

Name/Title: Gary A. Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division

Signature:  For \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/25/26

Name/Title: Michael G. Washam, A.C.E., Associate RMA Director, Designee

**Project Description:**

The full Project description, location, and identification of potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the County of Tulare Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the development of the Goshen Community Plan Update.

**Figures included in this Notice:**

- Figure 1 – Regional and Vicinity Location
- Figure 2 – Existing Urban Development Boundary
- Figure 3 – Proposed Urban Development Boundary

**Potential Approvals Required:**

The following agencies may have jurisdiction/interests concerning the proposed Project:

1) **State and Federal:**

- a) California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection
- b) California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region #4
- c) California Water Resources Control Board #5
- d) California Department of Toxic Substance Control
- e) California Environmental Protection Agency
- f) California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District #6
- g) Native American Heritage Commission
- h) United States Fish & Wildlife Service

2) **Local and Regional:**

- a) Tulare County Resource Management Agency:
  - i) Public Works Branch
  - ii) Flood Control
  - iii) Fire
  - iv) Planning Branch: Project Review, Environmental Planning, and Building Divisions
- b) Health and Human Services Agency, Environmental Health Services Division
- c) Goshen Community Services District
- d) Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)
- e) City of Visalia
- f) Visalia Unified School District
- g) Tulare County Fire Warden
- h) Tulare County Sheriff's Office
- i) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District)
- j) Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Region
- k) Southern California Edison
- l) Southern California Gas Company

If you require additional information related to this notice, please contact:

Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division at:  
E-mail: [gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov), or  
Phone: (559) 624-7199

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project is proposing updates to the Goshen Community Plan. In July 2025, Tulare County filed an application for a General Plan Amendment to update the Goshen Community Plan to modify the existing Goshen UDB to include additional acreage directly west and south of the unincorporated community of Goshen and to change the Land Use Designation for the expansion area from “Valley Agriculture” to “Mixed Use”. All areas outside of the adopted Goshen Urban Development Boundary are within the AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 acre minimum) Zone. Various studies and reports will discuss possible infrastructure improvements to serve the expanded UDB.

## **PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING**

The unincorporated community of Goshen is located approximately 31 miles south of Fresno on State Route 99 on the western edge of Tulare County. Goshen is located 1 ½ miles north of the Visalia Municipal Airport and portions of the community are situated within the approach and departure area of the airport. It lies one tenth of a mile northwest of the city limits of Visalia, 6 ½ miles from the downtown shopping area of Visalia, and immediately west of the Visalia industrial park area.

## **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The EIR will evaluate, among other things, the probable direct and cumulative environmental impacts associated with It is anticipated that potential environmental impacts may include, but are not limited to: biological resources, cultural resources, air quality, greenhouse gases, hydrology, water supply and water quality, land use and planning, noise, and traffic as future development occurs over time.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Interested individuals, groups, and agencies may provide to the County of Tulare Resource Management Agency, Planning Branch, written comments on topics to be addressed in the EIR for the proposed Project. Because of time limits mandated by state law, comments should be provided no later than **5:00 p.m. April 24, 2026**. Agencies that will need to use the EIR when considering permits or other approvals for the proposed Project should provide the name of a staff contact person. Please send all comments to:

**Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division**  
**Tulare County Resource Management Agency**  
**Economic Development and Planning Branch**  
**5961 South Mooney Boulevard**  
**Visalia, CA 93277-9394**  
**E-mail: [gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:gmills@tularecounty.ca.gov)**  
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Figure 1 - Regional and Vicinity Location

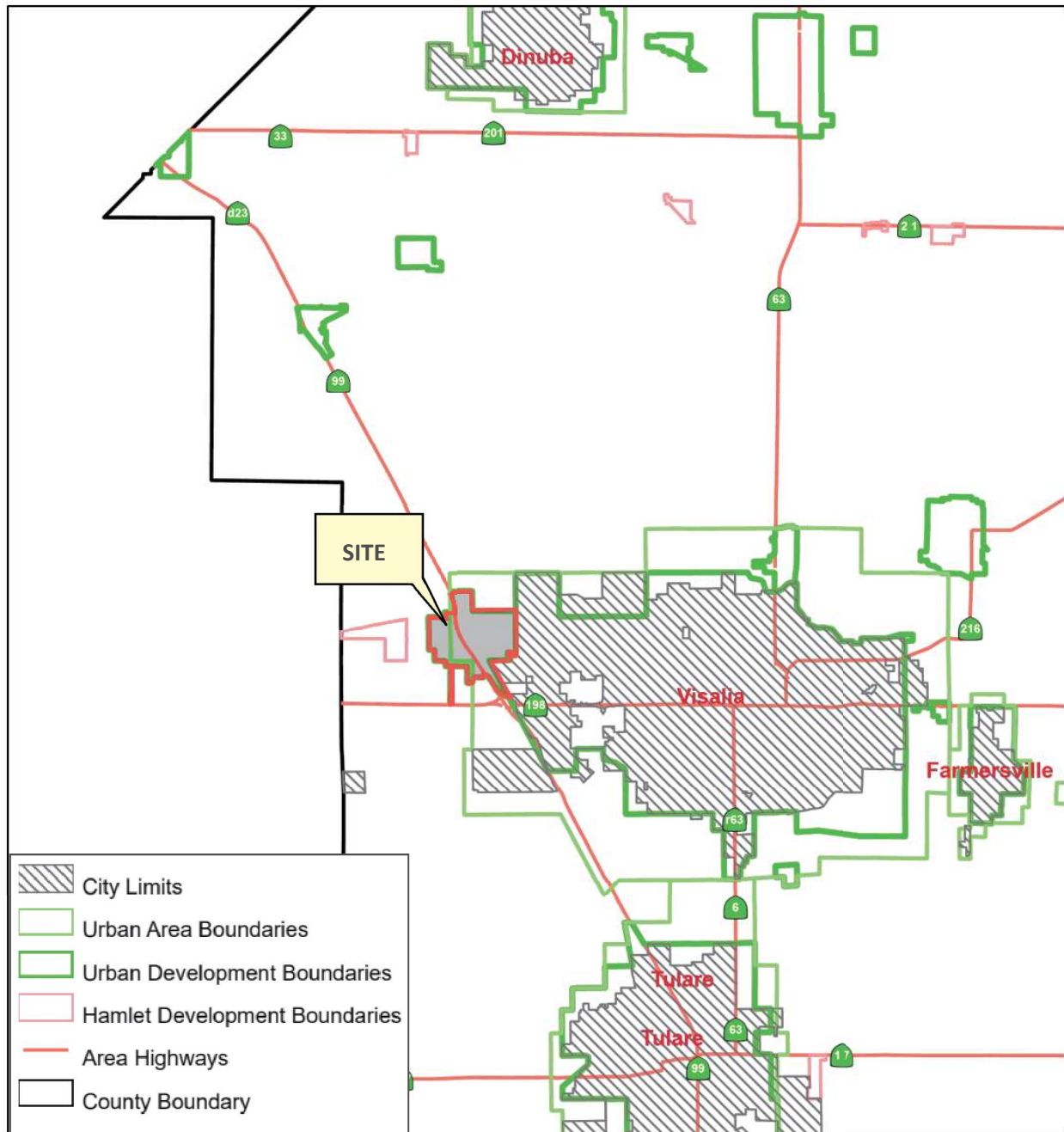


Figure 2 - Existing UDB

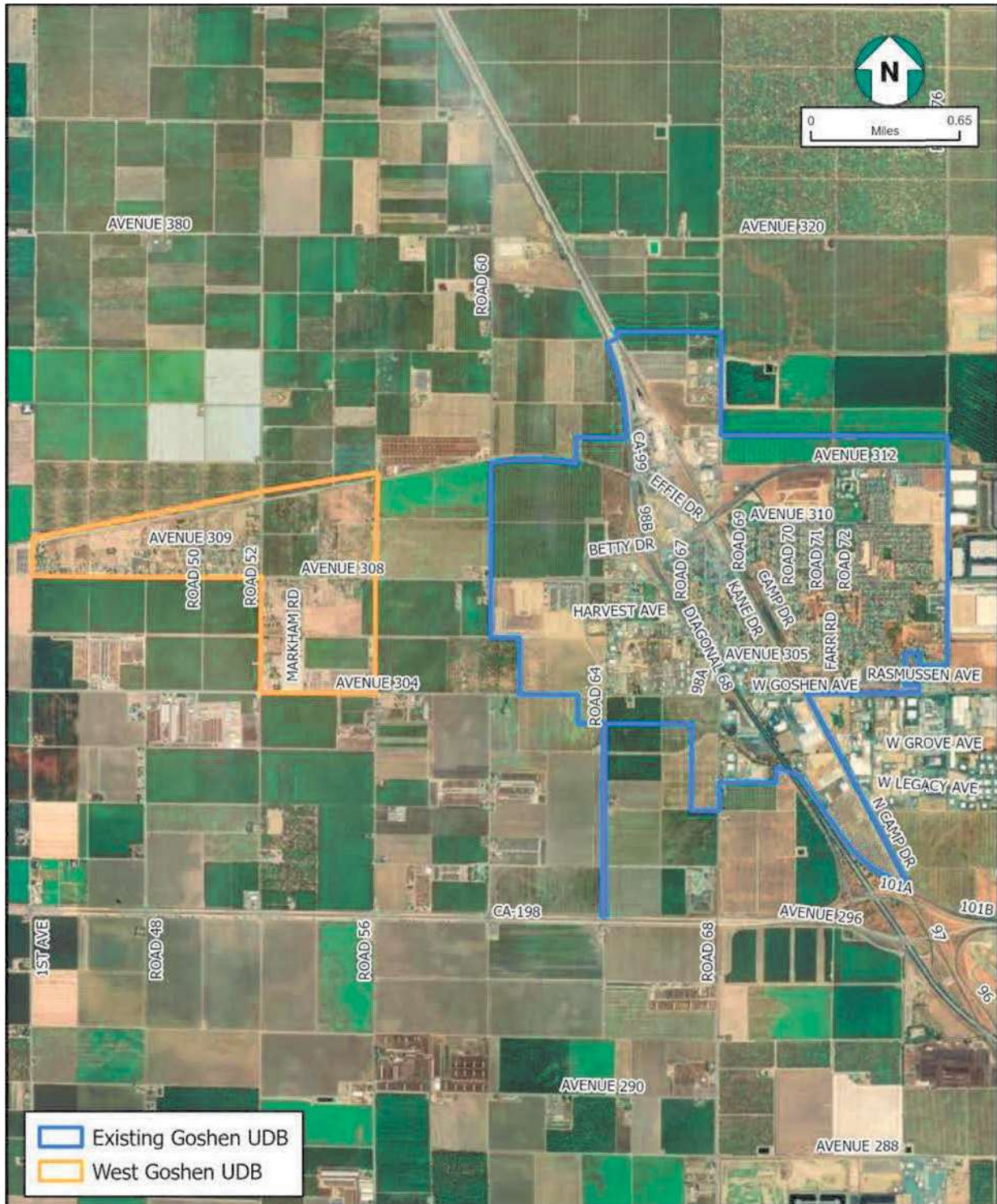


Figure 3 - Proposed UDB

