NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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
5951 S. Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93277

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
Attn: CEQA@tularecounty.ca.gov

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

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Zone Change No. PZC 25-005 (Agricultural Zones Update) and PZC 25-008 (Residential Zones Update)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2026031301

Contact Person: Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division **Telephone Number:** 559-624-7199

Project Location: The project is countywide and covers approximately 2,988,791 acres with a central latitude and longitude of 36° 16′ 39.3636″ N / 119°18′ 53.568.

Project Description: Several sections within the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance have remained unchanged throughout the years, resulting in language that is outdated, no longer relevant, or conflicting with other sections that have been updated. In addition, based on feedback received, the Zoning Ordinance was found to be difficult to navigate as information has had tendencies to be found in multiple locations, making it more difficult to be able to find specific information. The County is proposing updates to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance conforms to the General Plan, is more streamlined, and is easier to navigate.

Zone Change No. PZC 25-005 is proposing to update the following Agricultural Zoning sections in the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance: Section 2 Definitions, Establish the Preamble and Zoning Matrix for Agricultural Zones, Section 9.5 AE (Exclusive Agricultural), Section 9.55 AE-10 (Exclusive Agricultural – 10 acre minimum), Section 9.6 AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 acre minimum), Section 9.7 AE-40 (Exclusive Agricultural – 40 acre minimum), Section 9.8 AE-80 (Exclusive Agricultural – 80 acre minimum), Section 10 A-1 (Agricultural), Section 10.3 AF (Foothill Agricultural), Section 15.5 (Reasonable Accommodations), Section 16 (Variances and Special Use Permits), Section 16.4 (Site Review Combining Zone), Section 16. IV (Temporary Use Permits), and Section 16.V (Special Use Permit – Assemblage of People for Educational and/or Event Purposes).

Zone Change No. PZC 25-008, is proposing to update the Residential Zoning sections of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance, including: Section 2 (Definitions), Establish the Preamble and Zoning Matrix for the Residential Zones, Section 4 R-A (Rural Residential), Section 4.5 MR (Mountain Residential), Section 5 R-O (Single Family Estate), Section 6 R-1 (Single-Family Residential), Section 7 R-2 (Two-Family Residential), Section 8 R-3 (Multi-Family), Section 14.3 M (Special Mobilehome Overlay), Section 15 (General Provisions and Exceptions), Section 15.5 (Reasonable Accommodations), Section 16 (Variances and Special Use Permits), Section 16.4 (Site Review Combining Zone), Section 16. IV (Temporary Use Permits), Section 16.V (Special Use Permit – Assemblage of People for Educational and/or Event Purposes), Section 18.6 PD (Planned Development), and Section 18.7 F (Foothill Combining).

This is to advise that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, as ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on **October 27, 2026,** and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation Measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of approval of this project.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.

5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.

6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/EAO
Project Planner/Representative: Emily Gage, Planner III **Telephone:** 559-624-7083

Signature: _____ Date: 10-27-26 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division
Gary A. Mills

Signature: _____ Date: 10/27/26 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH:_____

☒ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
- ☒ EIR
- ☐ MND
- ☐ ND

☐ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid
Receipt Number: _____

Cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814
Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.