

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County RMA
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Project Title: Annexation of Setton Farms Property to Terra Bella Sewer Maintenance District

Project Location - Specific: Near the intersection of Road 236 and Magnolia Avenue in Terra Bella

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 3, Township 21S, Range 27E

Project Location - City: N/A, in the unincorporated community of Terra Bella, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The County of Tulare proposes to annex Setton Pistachios of Terra Bella, Inc., (Setton Farms) into the Terra Bella Sewer Maintenance District (TBSMD), which is a dependent special district of Tulare County. The property receives municipal sewer service through an Extraterritorial Services Agreement. Annexing Setton Farms' property will allow streamlined governance by the TBSMD.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 19 Section 15319(a) Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities**
- Statutory Exemption: **California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15378(b)(5)**

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed action annexes an existing industrial property into the Terra Bella Sewer Maintenance District for streamlined governance. The property already receives municipal sewer service through an Extraterritorial Services Agreement. The annexation does not approve any new development, construction, expansion of sewer facilities, or increase in service capacity. Categorical Exemption Class 19 includes annexations to a city or special district of areas containing existing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning of either the gaining or losing governmental agency whichever is more restrictive, provided, however, that the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities.

Statutory Exemption 14 CCR §15378(b)(5) defines a project as an action that has the potential to result in either direct or indirect physical change in the environment. This includes activities directly undertaken by public agencies, such as public works construction, and activities supported by public agency contracts or grants. Therefore, the use of CEQA Guidelines Class 19 Section 15319(a) and California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15378(b)(5), are applicable and appropriate.


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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

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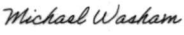
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Environmental Planning Division

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

Date: 04/14/2026

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____