

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To:  Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**Lead Agency:** County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency  
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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County General Service Agency  
2637 W. Burrel Avenue, Suite 200  
Visalia, CA 93271 - (559) 205-1100

**Project Title:** Animal Services Expansion

**Project Location - Specific:** Tulare County Animal Control 14131 Ave. 256, Visalia, CA 93292

**Project Location- Section, Township, Range:**

**Project Location - City:** Visalia      **Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The County of Tulare Animal Services Department is expanding the kennel capacity to support increased demand for animal services. An addition 48 dog kennels will be added to the existing animal services facility. The additional kennel space will allow for increased opportunity for animal adoption. The new kennels will be constructed within the footprint of the existing animal services facility. The beneficiaries of the project are the community and animals by increasing the capacity to care for abandoned animals and allowing for adoption placement.

### Exempt Status:

- 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 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 31 Section 15331 Historical Resource Rehabilitation
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features; in this instance, the upgrades to kennels with the features noted earlier. Therefore, the submission of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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

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

**Project Planner/Representative:** Mark Van Fossen, Capital Projects Coordinator III

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Gary A. Mills

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Signed by Lead Agency

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