

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: 2025 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2

Project Location - Specific:

Location 1 – Road 196 between Avenue 192 and Avenue 323/State Route 137, Plainview, CA

Location 2 – Road 152 between Avenue 96 and Avenue 120, Pixley, CA

Location 3 – Avenue 152 between Road 96 and Burnett Road/Drive 115A, Tipton, CA

Location 4 – Thompson Road between Avenue 152 and Avenue 168, Tipton, CA

Location 5 – Avenue 56 between Road 192 and Road 232/State Route 65, Ducor, CA

Location 6 – Road 156 between Avenue 376 and Avenue 384 /State Route 201, Seville, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: Unincorporated communities of Plainview, Pixley, Tipton, Ducor, and Seville

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of repairing asphalt materials on multiple segments of existing County roads. The work includes a combination of isolated pavement repairs followed by the installation of new asphalt surfacing. All projects will include corrective work (adding a thin course of granular material for leveling to minimize drop-off heights for overlays) to be performed on the shoulders of the roadways. No additional roadway capacity is added. Furthermore, all newly surfaced roadways will receive new traffic stripes and pavement markings. Efficient and responsive improvements and maintenance of the County road network will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the access of pedestrians and the transportation infrastructure for the general population throughout the region. Construction is anticipated to begin during the first quarter through the second quarter of 2026. The Project will benefit users of the roadways.

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 Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c). As such, Sections 15301 and 15300.4 are 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: Claudia Sanchez, P.E., Engineer IV

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Date: Jun 2, 2026

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Signature: 
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Date: Jun 2, 2026

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to LCI/SCH: _____

