

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County General Service Agency
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Project Title: Earlimart Sheriff Substation Paving Project

Project Location - Specific: 159 Valente Rd., Earlimart CA 93219

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 33, Township 23S, Range 25E MDPM

Project Location - City: Earlimart, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Earlimart Sheriff Substation Paving Project will consist of repaving existing parking areas, adding drought tolerant landscaping, and on-site storm water retention basins. The existing parking area is deteriorated and in need of repaving. The repaving will include the removal of the existing deteriorated oiled sand/asphalt material. New aggregate base will be added to improve the long-term durability of the parking areas. Once the existing paving demolition/removal is complete the new asphalt concrete paving will be installed. Grading will be moderately adjusted to allow for the onsite storm water retention. The site has existing ADA parking and path of travel that has previously been updated and will not be disturbed. Beneficiaries of this Project are users of this parking lot, including law enforcement personnel and the public.

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:

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 Earlimart Sheriff Substation Paving Project consists of repair maintenance. Therefore, the application 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 **Telephone:** (559) 205-1140

Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 06/02/2026 Title: Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division

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

Date: Jun 2, 2026 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____