

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Applicant(s): SIERRA MINI MART, INC.
101 W. MORTON AVE.
PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 (559) 624-7183

Project Title: Special Use Permit PSP 26-012- SIERRA MINI MART

Project Location - Specific: Located at 23290 Avenue 95, Terra Bella, CA 93257 within the Terra Bella Urban Development Boundaries in the General Commercial designated Land Use parcels (APN: 320-351-035 and 047)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 3, Township 23S, Range 27E

Project Location - City: Terra Bella, CA **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit No. PSP 26-012 is requested to allow 15,000 gallons Above Ground Steel Fuel tank for an existing convenience grocery Store and Shell Gas station. The proposed Above-Ground Steel Fuel tank is to add a new diesel service to the existing convenience store and Shell gas station. The subject site is located within the Terra Bella Urban Development Boundaries in C-2-MU (General Commercial with Mixed Use overlay) zone. The beneficiary is the property owner.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 3 Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is categorically exempt, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Title 14, Cal. Code Regulations Section 15303, Class 3, pertaining to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. This exemption applies because: the proposed use involves installation of small new equipment and no expansion of use proposed beyond what currently exists. The project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and no additional public services are required to support the proposed use.

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Nebeyu Daniel Menkir, Planner II

Telephone: (559) 624-7183

Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: Jun 10, 2026

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

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

Date: Jun 10, 2026

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____