

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
TULARE COUNTY STREAM CHANNEL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tulare County Stream Channel Routine Maintenance Agreement Project. The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. PROJECT: Tulare County Stream Channel Routine Maintenance Agreement Project

2. APPLICANT/AGENT: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

3. LOCATION: The Project area encompasses the County-maintained portions of Antelope Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cross Creek, Deer Creek, Elk Bayou, Frazier Creek, Lewis Creek, Sand Creek, White River, and Yokohl Creek, and a 100-foot buffer surrounding each creek reach to capture the associated riparian corridor. The Project area comprises approximately 3,502 acres within unincorporated Tulare County, California.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Tulare County proposes to enter into a long-term 12-year Streambed Alteration Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for ongoing implementation of routine maintenance activities within jurisdictional improved and unimproved stream channels and drainage facilities, and associated CDFW jurisdictional areas throughout the County. The County anticipates completing approximately 30 maintenance projects per year over the 12-year life of the agreement. Routine maintenance activities may include removal, replacement, or repair of drainage facilities; channel alignment maintenance; debris or obstruction removal; silt, sand, gravel, or sediment removal under dry conditions; vegetation control in channels or on banks; goat/sheep grazing for vegetation and thatch management; minor erosion control work; repair of previous erosion control work; and geotechnical sampling or subsurface cultural resource sensitivity testing. Exact methods, locations, and the extent of individual maintenance activities would be submitted to CDFW for review and approval through the Verification Request Form process.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations>.

6. REVIEW PERIOD: July 29, 2026 – August 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

7. CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division at (559) 624-7199 or GMills@tularecounty.ca.gov (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar at (559) 624-7000)).

The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on July 29, 2026, and ending on August 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of Gary Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division, or submitted by email to GMills@tularecounty.ca.gov.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, the County may consider adoption of the MND and approval of the project at a public meeting/hearing, as required. Notice of the date, time, and place for any such public meeting/hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law, if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be

limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period or during the public hearing.

GARY MILLS, CHIEF PLANNER, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION

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