

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Project Title: Extension of Uncodified Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3669 – Temporary Moratorium on New Data Center Development

Project Location - Specific: Countywide (Unincorporated Areas of Tulare County)

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

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Areas Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The County of Tulare is extending Uncodified Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3669, which establishes a temporary moratorium on new data center development in the unincorporated areas of Tulare County. The extension will continue the moratorium for an additional ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days, through August 6, 2027. During the moratorium, the County will continue to evaluate data center development and develop comprehensive land use regulations addressing potential impacts and appropriate development standards, including zoning requirements, infrastructure needs, environmental considerations, public safety, water and energy considerations, noise, and land use compatibility. The purpose of the moratorium extension is to allow sufficient time for the County to complete this evaluation and develop appropriate permanent zoning and development regulations governing new data center development. The residents and communities of unincorporated Tulare County, as well as the County generally, will benefit from the additional time to evaluate and establish appropriate land use regulations for future data center development.

Exempt Status:

- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 8, Section 15308 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

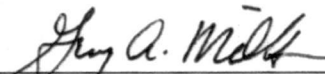
Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. The project consists of extending Uncodified Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 3669, which establishes a temporary moratorium on new data center development in the unincorporated areas of Tulare County. The extension is a regulatory action intended to allow the County additional time to evaluate data center development and develop comprehensive land use regulations addressing potential environmental considerations, infrastructure requirements, public safety, water and energy considerations, noise, and land use compatibility. The action does not approve or authorize any specific data center development or physical alteration of the environment. Therefore, the application of CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

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Date: 09/28/26

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

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