

Attachment

CEQA NOE

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: Tulare County – Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Activity/Project Title: Harrison Road and Avenue 266 Water Supply Extension Project

Activity / Project Location – Specific: Harrison Road and Avenue 266, in Tulare County, CA

Activity / Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N½ SE¼ of SE¼ of Sec. 13., T. 19S, R. 24E
MDB&M

Activity / Project Location – City: NA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: The Project consists of extending the water mains from the Cal Water Visalia Service to Harrison Road and Avenue 266 to connect approximately 25 homes with dry wells. The Project includes installing approximately 1,290 feet of an 8-inch Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) water main, approximately 1,820 feet of a 12-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) water main, approximately 27 metered service connections (main to meters), and two fire hydrants. The community is currently relying on hauled water or water from neighboring properties. The Project will provide a sustainable source of water for the residences along Harrison Road and Avenue 266 during drought conditions and also provides a reliable/safe drinking source for its residents. This project is supported by California Water Service Company (Cal Water).

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b), (2), (3), (4); 15269(a), (b), (c); 15359);
- ☐ Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemptions 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15303(d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (per PRC 21080.47)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: The proposed project is excluded or exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on the grounds that the project is consistent with Section 15303(d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (per PRC 21080.47) as the overall intent is to provide a reliable, safe-drinking, and sustainable water supply for the residences along Harrison Road and Avenue 266. In support of this determination, it is noted that the California Water Boards cites to Senate Bill 974 Public Resource Code § 21080.47 as it pertains to exemption of certain projects that consist solely of the

installation, repair, or reconstruction of water infrastructure from CEQA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
Activity/Project Representative: Denise England, Grants & Resource Manager **Telephone:** (559) 624-7035.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: RMA Director
Reed Schenke, P.E. Environmental Assessment Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date filed at OPR: _____