

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: Mooney Grove Dog Park

Project Location - Specific: 27000 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA

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

Project Location - City: Visalia

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project would result in the development of a Dog Park within the existing footprint of Mooney Grove Park, in Visalia, California. The Project will consist of an area of 170x150 ft. The outer portion will consist of a newly constructed sidewalk, the inner portion will be enclosed and divided into 2-sections to separate large from small dogs. The enclosed area will house dog exercise and play equipment as well as seating areas for owners. Water and sewer lines will be developed to provide drinking water and drains for maintenance. Additionally, a new parking structure will be developed within the Mooney Grove Park for patrons who wish to specifically utilize the Dog Park. The Dog Park promotes outdoor recreational activity for the public and provides dog owners with the opportunity to unleash his or her dog within a confined area, eliminating the danger of the dog getting loose outside of the park; as such, the public will benefit as the dog park will provide a safe space for dogs to socialize, reducing anxiety toward new situations, and creating calmer dog-neighbor's. Additionally the dog park will reduce the number of off-leash dogs in other public spaces, making it easier for leash laws to be enforced elsewhere in the community. The development of a dog park encourages outdoor recreational activities for dog owners and their pets, specifically at Mooney Grove Park.

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 Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15301 and 15303) Existing Facilities and New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; respectively**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions (Sec. 21080.35)

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity is covered by Sections 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities and 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15303). As noted above, the project is to place a Dog Park within Mooney Grove Park to create recreational opportunities for the public. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15303 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Project Planner/Representative: Albert Cendejas **Area Code/Telephone:** (559)205-1100

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency