



# Resource Management Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 2, 2023 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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**SUBJECT:** California Department of Water Resources, Small Community Drought Program Grant Budget Adjustment and CEQA for Harrison Road/Avenue 266 water extension project

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a budget adjustment per the attached AUD 308, for the California Department of Water Resources, Small Community Drought Program Grant for the Harrison Road/Avenue 266 Project in the amount of \$536,567, (4/5ths vote required).
2. Approve the California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption.
3. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to Sign and File the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.

### **SUMMARY:**

On October 4, 2022, your Board approved Tulare County Agreement No. 31139, Resolution 2022-0867 with the California Department of Water Resources, Small Communities Drought Program for the residences along Harrison Road/Avenue 266. That agreement authorizes expenditures of \$536,567 and revenues of \$536,567 to carry out a Cal Water water main extension project to provide safe drinking water to the residences along Harrison Road/Avenue 266.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has determined that the proposed project is excluded or exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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/Avenue 266. In support of this determination, it is noted that the California Water

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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.

The attached AUD 308 establishes the budget for this Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The attached AUD 308 requests revenue increase totaling \$536,567 and expenditure increase totaling \$536,567. There is no additional net county cost.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public, which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

**/s/ Michael Washam**

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Michael Washam, ACE  
Associate Director

**/s/ Reed Schenke**

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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: AUD 308  
CEQA NOE