



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Authorization to Bid Avenue 322 Water Main Extension Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Avenue 322 Water Main Extension Project;
2. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk;
3. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the construction of the Avenue 322 Water Main Extension Project subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel;
4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Specifications; and
5. Approve the advertisement for bids of the Avenue 322 Water Main Extension Project.

SUMMARY:

In 2014, the State of California pursuant to SB 861 provided funding for projects to enable suppliers of water or purveyors to take action in response to drought-related drinking water emergency or threatened emergency. The California Water Service Company – Visalia District (CWS-Visalia) is a community water system that serves 42,055 connections in Tulare County and is experiencing drought related drinking

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water emergencies. It has reported that more than 20 domestic wells along the Avenue 322 area, north of the City of Visalia, have dry or failing wells.

As of August 14, 2014, there were at least ten homes along Avenue 322, north of Visalia but outside of the city limits, that have found their private wells failing. These private groundwater wells were the sole source of drinking water for these and most of the homes along Avenue 322. Some remedial measures have been implemented by providing some residents with large potable water tanks but a more permanent solution is needed.

As of July 15, 2015, there were fifteen homeowners along Avenue 322 that had failing wells and were in favor of consolidating with CWS-Visalia. These County homes are within the CWS-Visalia and wish to have the existing water main on a portion of Avenue 322 be extend to their homes.

On August 11, 2015, Tulare County on behalf of California Water Service Company approved Resolution 2015-0645 for the Public Water System Drought Emergency Response Program Funding under Agreement 27271 to take action and administer the drought-related drinking water emergency. This agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board grants Tulare County to extend the water line on Avenue 322 and provide water service to residents. The design, operation and maintenance for the Avenue 322 Water Main Extension project will be performed by California Water Service Company and construction to be determined by bid process.

This Project has been determined to be Categorical Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements under Section 15301(b)(3) and Section 15301(d) of the CEQA guidelines.

Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The costs associated with the Project is included in the FY 2015/16 Requested Budget and will be covered by grant funds from the State Water Board. There will be no increase to the Net County Cost. Construction costs are estimated to be \$191,878.

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.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO)
BID AVENUE 322 WATER MAIN) Resolution No. _____
EXTENSION PROJECT)
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2015, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

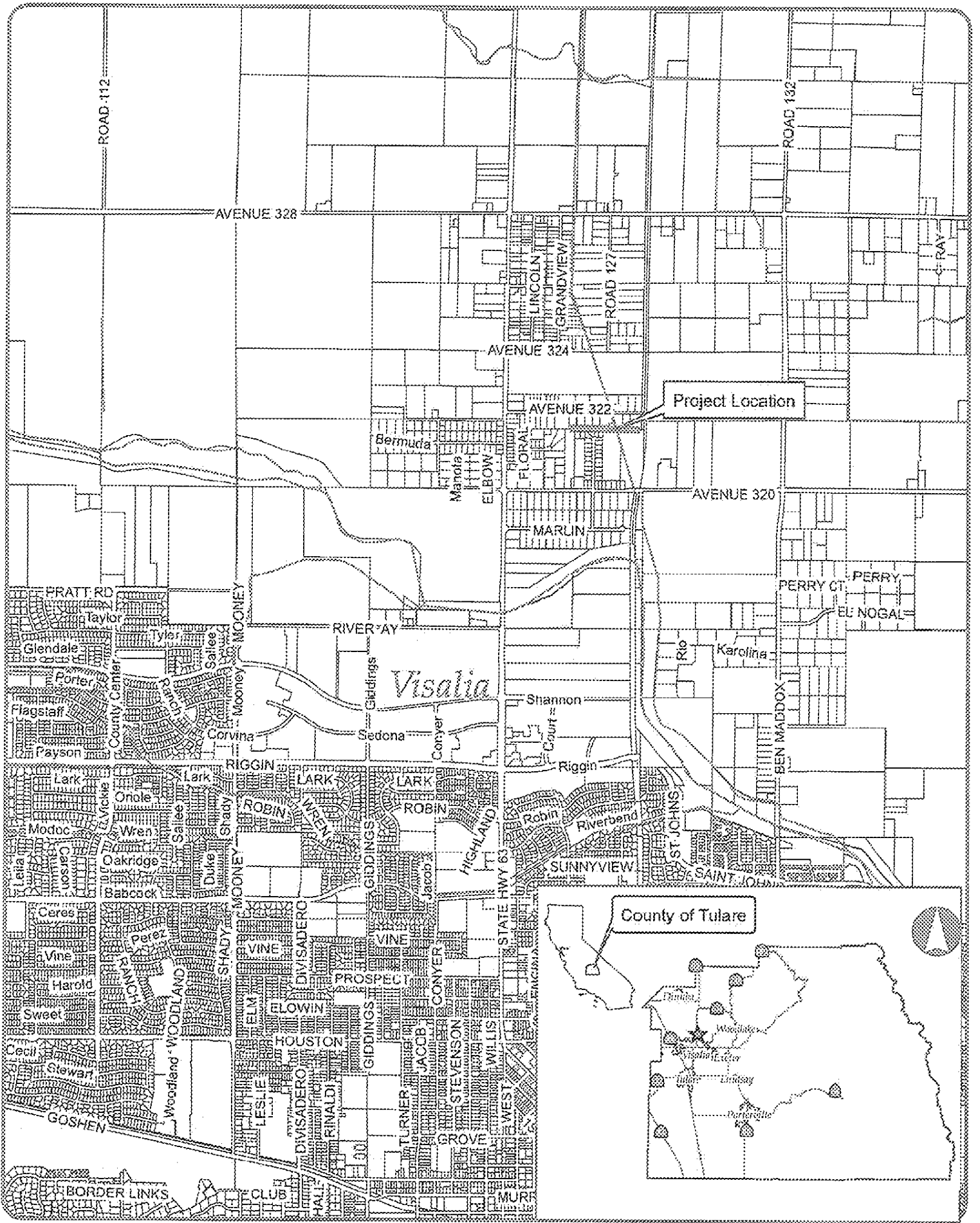
ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A – Vicinity Map



Attachment B – Categorical Exemption

Notice of Exemption

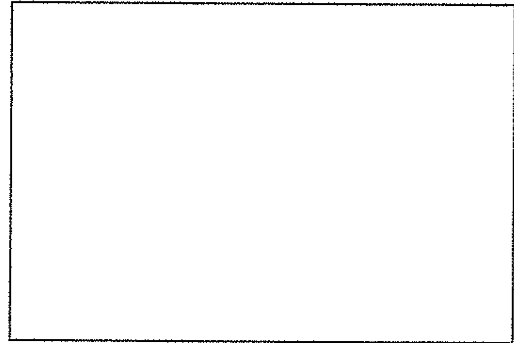
Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, Ca 93277

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000



Project Title: Avenue 322 Water Main Extension Project

Project Location - Specific: Visalia in Tulare County, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: SW-1/4 Section 8, Township 18 S, Range 25 E

Project Location - City: Visalia Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of constructing a water main on Avenue 322 from approximately quarter mile east of Road 124 and extend a quarter mile further east. Construction will go under the existing ditch culvert and terminate at the existing agricultural farmland. This section of Avenue 322 is a dead end road that is primarily used by the local residents to access Road 124 to the west. It is anticipated to begin in February of 2016 and provide water service to about 15 homes that have had their water wells turn dry. This is a Drought Emergency Response Program that sees to the needs of some private owners.

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));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (b) and 15303 (d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities (b)(3) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. Also, consistent with Section 15303 (d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. Therefore, the application of CEQA Sections 15301 (b)(3) and 15303 (d) are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Reed Schenke, Chief Engineer Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7142

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Michael C. Spata

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A