

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

IN THE MATTER OF ONE-WAY STOP )  
CONTROL ON THURMAN AVENUE AT ) Resolution No. 2018-0627  
REDWOOD STREET, WEST SIDE OF )  
PORTERVILLE )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ENNIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 24, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS CROCKER, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, WORTHLEY,  
AND ENNIS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE



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

BY: Mary Rocello  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption;
2. Found there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determined the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970;
3. Directed the Environmental Assessment Officer of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, or designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.
4. Approved the designation of a One-Way STOP controlled intersection on Thurman Avenue (A155) at Redwood Street (LR220A), on the west side of Porterville; and
5. Authorized the installation of a STOP sign on Thurman Avenue at Redwood Street in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.04 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One  
PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two  
AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three  
J. STEVEN WORTHLEY  
District Four  
MIKE ENNIS  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** July 24, 2018

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"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	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:** One-Way STOP Control on Thurman Avenue at Redwood Street, west side of Porterville

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption;
2. Find there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970;
3. Direct the Environmental Assessment Officer of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, or designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.
4. Approve the designation of a One-Way STOP controlled intersection on Thurman Avenue (A155) at Redwood Street (LR220A), on the west side of Porterville; and
5. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Thurman Avenue at Redwood Street in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.04 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

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**DATE:** July 24, 2018

**SUMMARY:**

This is an uncontrolled 'T' intersection located on the west side of Porterville, within the County of Tulare. Thurman Avenue (A155) runs east and west, and 'T's into Redwood Street (LR220A) which runs north and south. The north leg of the intersection is a private road. There is a school on the south side of Thurman and a new school is being constructed on the north side. Due to the new school being constructed, there are concerns regarding increased traffic volume and pedestrian safety at this uncontrolled intersection after the school is completed and ready for use later this year.

In response to these concerns by the design consultant for the Burton School District and the City of Porterville regarding this uncontrolled intersection, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and found that the installation of a Stop sign at this location would enhance and improve future traffic and pedestrian safety at this intersection.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, states in part; "State or local laws written in accordance with the 'Uniform Vehicle Code' ... establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection ...The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD or STOP signs on one or more approaches."

In addition, the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

This intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.04, Right of Way at Intersections for the installation of a One-Way STOP control. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of a One-Way STOP control on Thurman Avenue (A155) at Redwood Street (LR220A) located on the west side of Porterville.

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County Environmental Planning Division and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is considered Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3), general rule exemption.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost.

The cost of installing one STOP sign on Thurman Avenue at Redwood Street is estimated to be approximately \$500 and is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

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

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The Installation of a One-Way STOP control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and safety.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



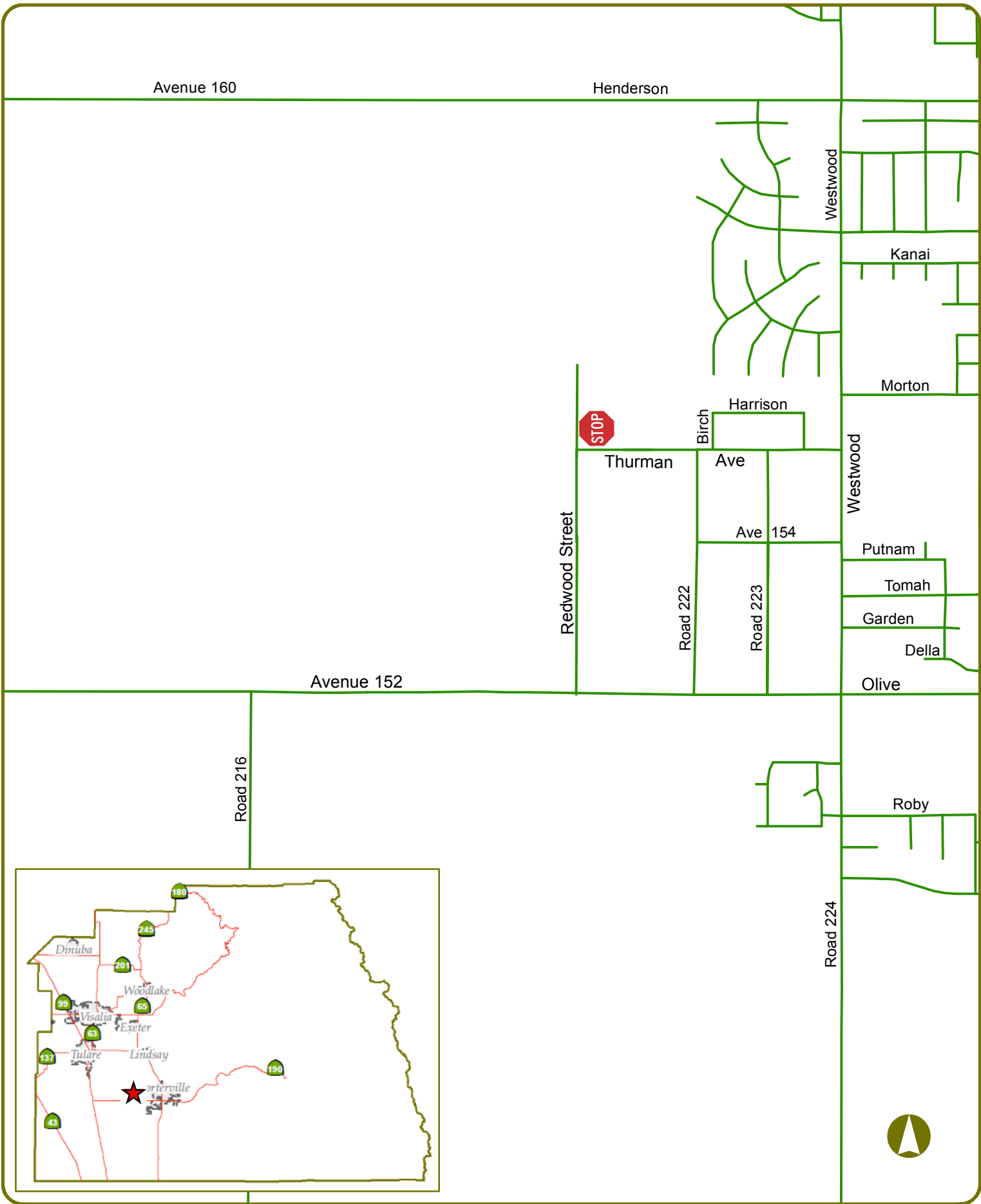
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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Attachment A - Vicinity Map  
Attachment B - CEQA Exemption

# **Attachment A**



## **Attachment B**

# 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

<i>Date received by Tulare County Clerk</i>

**Lead Agency:** Tulare County -- Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd  
Visalia, CA 93277 ph: 559- 624-7000  
Attn: [hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us)

**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Public Works ph: 559-624-7142  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277

**Activity / Project Title:** One-Way STOP control on Thurman Avenue at Redwood Street, west side of Porterville

**Activity / Project Location - Specific:** Thurman Avenue (A155) at Redwood Street (LR220A) west side of Porterville, CA

**Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range:** NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of S29 T21S R27E

**Activity / Project Location:** West side of Porterville, CA

**Activity / Project Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project:** This project will enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Thurman Avenue (A155) at Redwood Street (LR220A), on the west side of Porterville, CA. This location is currently an uncontrolled "T" intersection, with no Stop signs.

In response to concerns regarding future traffic and pedestrian safety at this intersection, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. The Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection is in need of a controlled Stop, and meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), which states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

### Exempt Status:


- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions: General Rule Exemption: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3))**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.


**Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA:** This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption on the ground that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity (installation of a stop sign) may have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15061, subd. (b)(3)).



Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: Reed Schenke, P.E., Director - Public Works Telephone: (559) 624-7142

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/9/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/10/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A