



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 30, 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 Ames Drive at County Line Road in Richgrove

**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 Ames Drive (Diagonal 210) at County Line Road (Avenue 0), in the community of Richgrove; and
5. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Ames Drive at County Line Road, 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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**SUMMARY:**

The intersection of Ames Drive (Diagonal 210) and County Line Road (Avenue 0), is located in the community of Richgrove, within Tulare County. County Line Road runs horizontally east and west, and Ames Drive runs diagonally east and west, to "T" into County Line Road. This intersection is currently controlled with a Yield sign on County Line Road for eastbound traffic only. There has been concerns that traffic from Ames Drive coming onto County Line Road may be obstructed by trees that have been planted in between these two roadways.

In response to these concerns by nearby residents regarding traffic safety, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff conducted an investigation and determined that a stop sign on Ames would be better suited for traffic safety and traffic on County Line Road and to travel unimpeded through this intersection by removing the Yield sign for eastbound traffic.

Therefore, it was concluded that the installation of a Stop sign on Ames Drive will enhance and improve traffic 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 Ames Drive (Diagonal 210) at County Line Road (Avenue 0) in the community of Richgrove.

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 to the General Fund.

The cost of installing a One-Way STOP on Ames Drive at County Line Road, is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

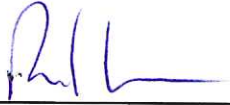
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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. Installation of the 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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ONE-WAY STOP                    ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**CONTROL ON AMES DRIVE AT COUNTY            )**  
**LINE ROAD IN RICHGROVE                        )**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_,            SECONDED        BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD October 30, 2018,  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

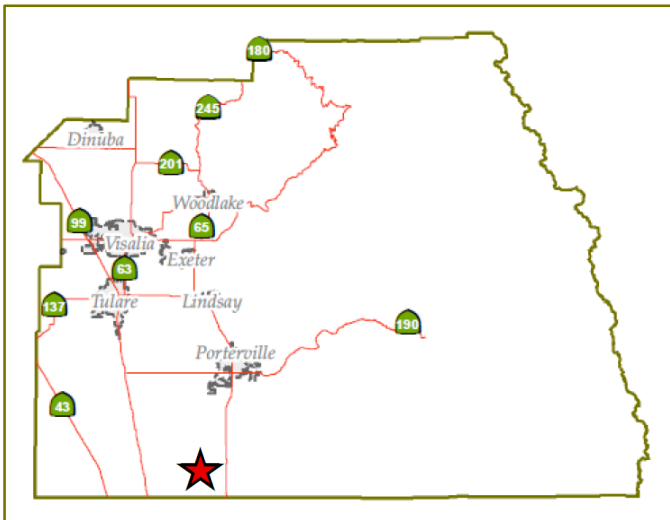
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1. Approved a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption;
2. Found there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity 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;
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# **Attachment A**



County Line Road



## **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 Ames Drive at County Line Road in Richgrove

**Activity / Project Location - Specific:** Ames Drive (Diagonal 210) at County Line Road (Avenue 0) in Richgrove, CA

**Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range:** SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S31 T24S R27E

**Activity / Project Location:** Within the unincorporated community of Richgrove, CA

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project:** This project will enhance vehicular circulation and safety at the intersection of Ames Drive at County Line Road in the unincorporated community of Richgrove, CA. This intersection is currently controlled with a yield sign for eastbound traffic on County Line Road. This sign will be removed and a new stop sign will be installed on Ames Drive.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and safety at this intersection, the Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection 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.

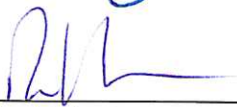
**Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA:** This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular circulation and safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental 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 stop a 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: 10/16/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/12/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A