

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County General Services Agency, Parks
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Project Title: Lily Pond Art Project

Project Location - Specific: The installation will take place at the former Lily Pond in Mooney Grove Park, located at 27000 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 18, Township 19 S, Range 25 E of the Visalia USGS 7 ½ minute quadrangle

Project Location - City: City of Visalia

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Lily Pond Art Project is an art installation to repurpose the non-functional Lily Pond and fountain at Mooney Grove Park. Historically, the Lily Pond was a popular feature of Mooney Grove, which included water lilies, fish, and a fountain. However, due to the need for repairs and the high cost of ongoing maintenance, the pond now sits empty and in a state of disrepair. The County has partnered with the Tulare County Arts Consortium to seek proposals from local artists for an art installation at the site that would incorporate the history of the pond and other elements honoring Tulare County. Once a proposal is selected by the Board of Supervisors, the General Services Agency will oversee the installation.

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 Exemption: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3))**
- Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 3 Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) as the activity associated with the project are limited to installation of artwork in an area currently occupied by a pond in disrepair. Further, this activity/project is exempt from 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 artwork) may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, it can be concluded that the use of 14Cal. Code Regs., §15061, subd. (b)(3), and §15303 for the proposed activity/project are applicable and appropriate.

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

Project Planner/Representative: Brooke Sisk, Assistant GSA Director **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-205-1104

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

By: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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