



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

# COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

KUYLER CROCKER District One

PETE VANDER POEL District Two

> AMY SHUKLIAN District Three

EDDIE VALERO District Four

DENNIS TOWNSEND District Five

AGENDA DATE: October 15, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes 🗌	N/A 🖂
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Published Notice Required	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Advertised Published Notice	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Meet & Confer Required	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes 🛚	N/A 🗌
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes 🗌	N/A 🛛
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with		
tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes 🗌	N/A 🗌
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010		

**SUBJECT**: Two-Way STOP Control on David Road at Avenue 414 in Orosi

#### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the designation of a Two-Way STOP controlled intersection on David Road (LR125D) at Avenue 414, in the community of Orosi; and
- 2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on David Road at Avenue 414, 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).
- 3. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption;
- 4. 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) Common Sense Exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970; and
- 5. 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.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The intersection of David Road (D125D) and Avenue 414 is located in the community of Orosi, within Tulare County. David Road runs north and south, while

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Avenue 414 runs east and west. With Golden Valley Elementary School being located to the east of this intersection, community members have expressed concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety for those using the crosswalk located on the south side of this uncontrolled intersection.

In response to these concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and concluded that installation of Stop signs at this location would enhance and improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the community.

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 Two-Way STOP control. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of a Two-Way STOP control at the intersection of David Road (D125D) and Avenue 414, in the community of Orosi.

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), Common Sense Exemption.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing a Two-Way STOP on David Road at Avenue 414 is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

#### 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 a Two-Way STOP control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

Reed Schenke, P.E.

Director

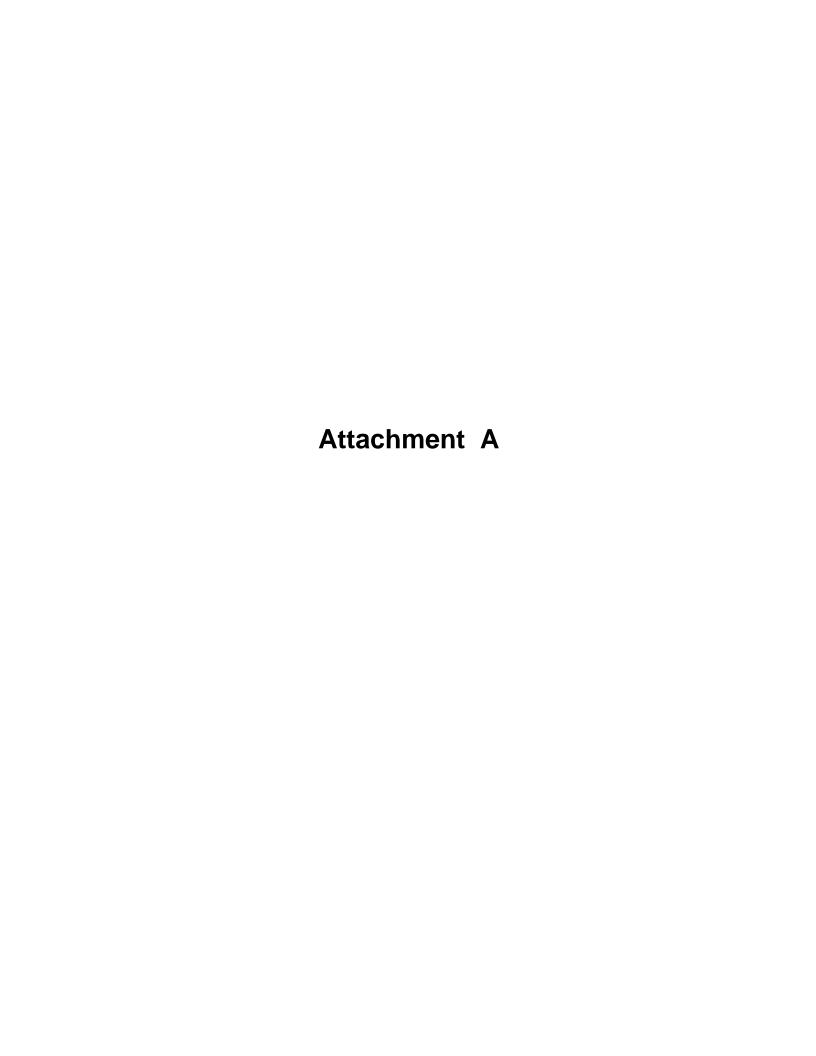
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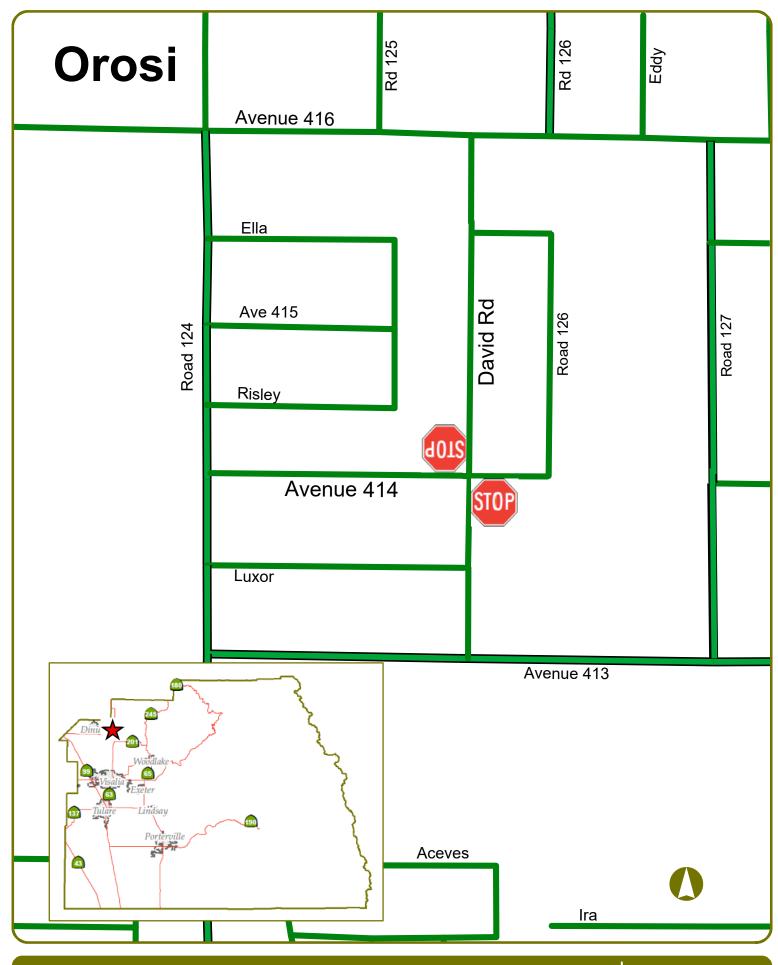
Attachment(s): Attachment A - Vicinity Map
Attachment B - CEQA Exemption

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

CONTROL ON DAVID ROAD AT AVEN 414 IN OROSI	,
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OBY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	FFICIAL MEETING HELD October 15, 2019,
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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- 4. 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) Common Sense Exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970; and
- 5. 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.







### **Notice of Exemption** Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103 To: □ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 $\mathbf{X}$ Tulare County Clerk Room 105, Courthouse 221 South Mooney Boulevard Date received by Tulare County Clerk Visalia, California 93291 Tulare County -- Resource Management Agency Lead Agency: 5961 South Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA 93277 ph: 559-624-7000 Attn: 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: Two-Way STOP Control on David Road at Avenue 414 in Orosi Activity / Project Location - Specific: David Road (Local Road 125D) at Avenue 414 in Orosi, CA Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of S18 T16S R25E Activity / Project Location: Within the unincorporated community of Orosi, 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 David Road and Avenue 414, and will consist of installing Stop signs on David Road at Avenue 414 in the unincorporated community of Orosi, CA. This intersection is currently uncontrolled, with no Stop signs. In response to concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian 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:** $\square$ 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));

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 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 "Common Sense" exemption on the ground that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity (installation of stop signs) may have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15061, subd. (b)(3)).

X Categorical Exemptions: Common Sense Exemption: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3))

□ Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

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