



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** December 17, 2019

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010		

**SUBJECT:** STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of Allensworth

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of a One-Way STOP control at the following intersections: Avenue 32 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Young Road (R81), and Avenue 39 at Road 84, in the community of Allensworth; and
2. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Avenue 32 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Young Road, and Avenue 39 at Road 84 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.

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**SUMMARY:**

The proposed installation of stop signs at 4 intersections are located in the Community of Allensworth within Tulare County. Avenue 32, Avenue 36 and Avenue 39 all "T" into Road 84 which is a through roadway leading in and out of the community. The other end of Avenue 36 "T"s into Young Road (R81) at Allensworth Elementary School. All of these intersections are currently uncontrolled. Concerns have been raised about overall traffic safety and pedestrian safety at the elementary school.

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 these intersections would enhance and improve traffic and pedestrian safety throughout 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."

Section 2B.04, paragraph 3 further states "YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. An intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law;
- B. A street entering a designated through highway or street; and/or
- C. An unsignalized intersection in a signalized area."

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".

These intersections meet the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, for the installation of One-Way STOP controls at these locations. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of these One-Way STOP controls at the intersections stated above, in the community of Allensworth.

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.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing the One-Way STOPS at these locations, 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 the One-Way STOP controls at these locations will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian 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 STOP CONTROLLED ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERSECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY )  
OF ALLENSWORTH )**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON December 17,  
2019, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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

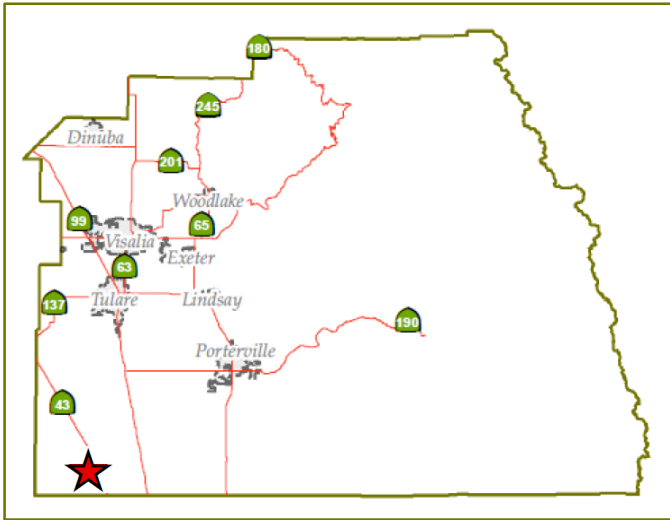
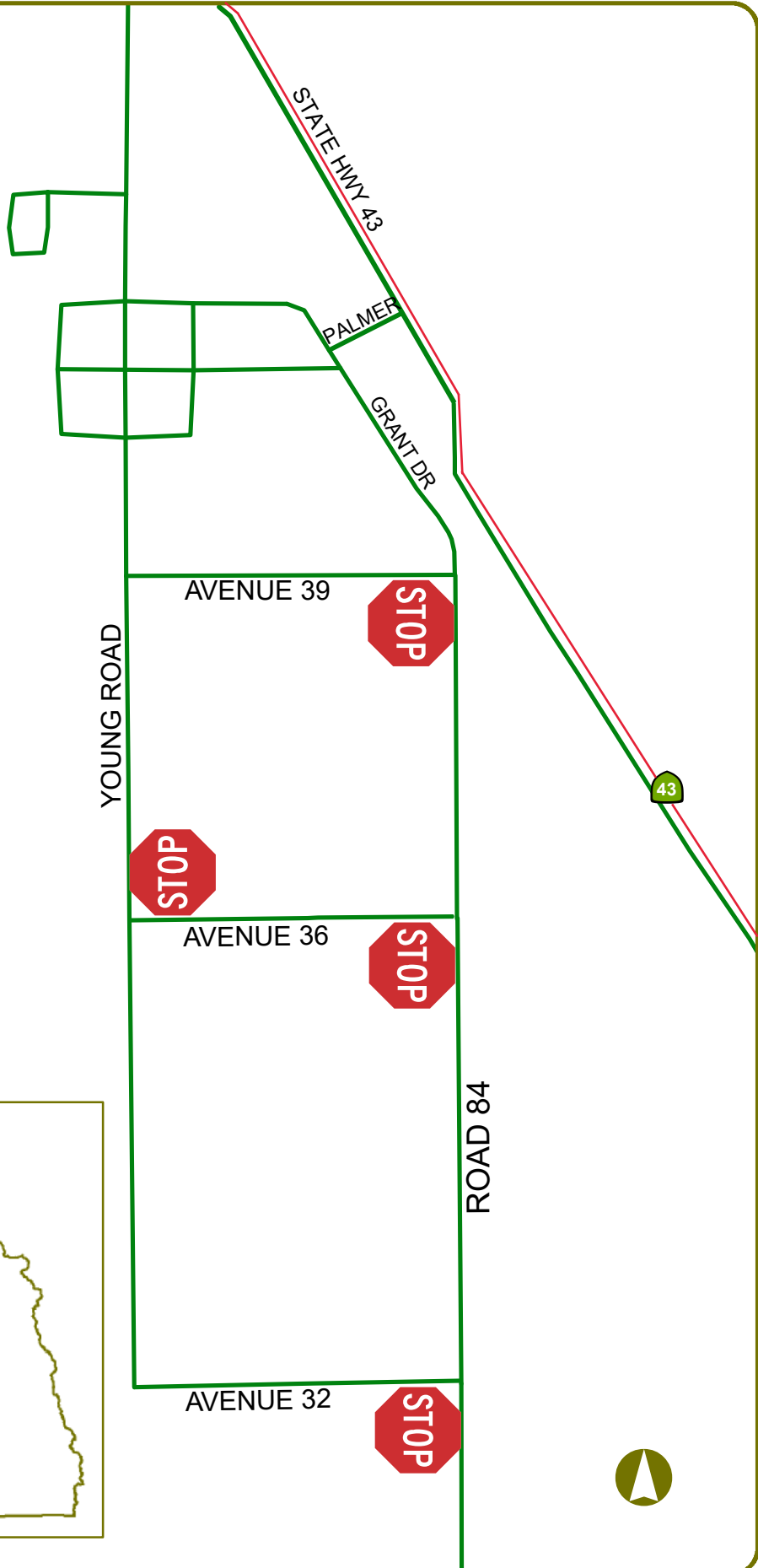
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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# **Attachment A**

# Allensworth



## **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:** STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of Allensworth

**Activity / Project Location - Specific:** Avenue 32 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Road 84, Avenue 36 at Young Road (R81) and Avenue 39 at Road 84 in Allensworth, CA

**Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range:** NW 1/4, NE 1/4, & SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of S9 T24S R24E

**Activity / Project Location:** Within the unincorporated community of Allensworth, 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 intersections stated above, and will consist of installing a One-Way Stop sign on these "T" intersections in the unincorporated community of Allensworth, CA. These intersections are 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 these intersections, the Traffic Operations Division determined that these intersections meet 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: Common Sense 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 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)).

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

**Activity/Project Representative:** Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer    **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke

Signed by Lead Agency                      Date received for filing at OPR: N/A