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**CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**TO:** Lee Lundrigan, County Clerk-Recorder  
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**TITLE:** LAFCO APPLICATION. NO. 2017-03 & SPHERE OF INFLUENCE MODIFICATION NO. 2017-07 – DIVISION 1 NORTH AREA CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO THE OAKDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**DESCRIPTION:** The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) considered a request by the Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District to expand its Sphere of Influence and annex approximately 57,595 acres to the District. The purpose of the request is to allow the District to provided continued services and extend its special tax to the area.

**LOCATION:** The northernmost are of Stanislaus County, adjacent to San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties, just north of the existing boundaries of the Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission

**CONTACT PERSON:** Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer, (209) 525-7660.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** In this case, it has been determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposal will have a significant effect on the environment and therefore it is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15320 of the State Guidelines. The Local Agency Formation Commission will file this Notice of Exemption upon completion of Conducting Authority Proceedings.

**REASONS FOR EXEMPTION:** Section 15320 categorically exempts changes of organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the proposal does not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. In this case, the District has historically provided services to the area. Additionally, Section 15061(b)(3) exempts the project through the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Staff has determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant effect on the environment.

Signature: Sara Lytle-Pinhey  
Name & Title: Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer

Date: 9/18/18

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