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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Lake
Lakeport, CA 95453

Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

FROM: Lake County Community Development Dept.
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

PROJECT TITLE: **Kawamoto - Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project – CE22-71**

PROJECT LOCATION: 13530 & 13000 Casale Drive, Lakeport CA. 95453
APN(s): APNs 011-050-02, 011-054-01

COUNTY: Lake

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The project proposes to remove hazardous vegetation from two adjacent parcels located at 13000 and 13530 Casale Drive, northwest of Loch Lomond, California. The properties are a combined 17.79 acres in size and consist of mixed evergreen and oak woodland habitats. There is a residence located on the property.

The property burned during the 2015 Valley Fire which has led to an accumulation of hazardous vegetation and standing dead trees. Removing the hazardous vegetation from the landscape reduces the risk of catastrophic stand replacing wildfire.

A registered professional forester (RPF) developed stand prescriptions that include hand removal of hazardous vegetation, standing dead trees and small diameter saplings (less than 8"). Although the area is forested, there is no timber or agricultural production taking place on this property and the purpose of this work is to reduce wildfire severity and rate of spread in the event of a wildland fire, and to improve the ecosystem health of forested and woodland areas.

No new roads or trails will be constructed. Project activities will be accomplished through the use of hand crews and hand tools, and stumps will not be removed or disturbed, thereby resulting in no soil disturbance.

There will be no disturbance of known rare, threatened or endangered species or significant cultural resources.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Lake County Community Development

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC); a Lake County based 501c3 nonprofit organization. CLERC has been working with a network of partners to collaborate on improving fire resilience in Lake County through various community-wide planning and projects. Posted: 9/29/22 to 11/1/22

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption – 14CCR 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. "Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes".

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This fuel reduction project meets the criteria for the "Categorical Exemption 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land" because it focuses on removal of hazardous vegetation that is directly related to the catastrophic 2015 Valley Fire, a declared emergency, and will reduce the risk of future catastrophic stand replacing wildfires.

This project is not subject to the Exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 because it is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, there are no potential cumulative impacts from the clearing of post-fire fuel loads, there are no unusual circumstances present that would contribute to significant impacts, scenic resources will not be impacted, it is not a hazardous waste site and there will be no impacts to historical resources.

Project activities will be accomplished through the use of hand crews and hand tools, and stumps will not be removed or disturbed, thereby resulting in no soil disturbance.

There will be no disturbance of known rare, threatened or endangered species or significant cultural resources.

The Lake County Community Development Department finds that this project complies with the intent and direction of the "Categorical Exemption 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land" and is thereby exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

CONTACT PERSON: Laura L. Hall **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 707-263-2221

Signature: _____ **Date:** September 28, 2022

Title: Senior Planner

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	LAURA.HALL@LAKECOUNTYCA.GOV	09/29/2022

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Lake	

PROJECT TITLE

KAWAMOTO-HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT-CE22-71

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		(707) 263-2221

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
255 N FORBES ST	LAKEPORT	CA	95453

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$3,539.25	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,548.00	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,203.25	$	0.00

☐ Exempt from fee
- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☐ County documentary handling fee		$	
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	KRISTOPHER ALLEN-DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK/FISCAL SUPPORT

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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars ($50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090