

COUNTY RECORDER

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Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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221 West Court Street Suite 1

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Woodland, CA 95695

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Notice of Exemption

To:

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder
625 Court Street, Room B-01
Woodland, CA 95695

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
adams@yolorcd.org

Project Title: Rumsey Buffer – Prescribed Burn and Prescribed Grazing

Project Location – Specific: Parcel Numbers: 060270002 (2559 Rumsey Canyon Rd), 060270003 (2555 Rumsey Canyon Rd), and 060270007 (2756 Rumsey Canyon Rd)

Project Location – Rumsey, CA

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project:

The Capay Valley Fire Protection District (FPD), in partnership with Yolo County Resource Conservation District, is continuing implementation of the Rumsey Buffer project across multiple properties in northern Rumsey, CA. The project consists of fuels management strategies including prescribed fire, prescribed grazing, pile burning, and mechanical thinning and chipping. In previous years, the project area has been managed with prescribed fire, mechanical thinning, and pile burning. The primary management objective across the project area is hazardous fuels reduction to reduce dead and downed debris and manage invasive grasses and yellow starthistle.

In late spring/early summer of 2026, an 11-acre prescribed burn is planned to occur on parcel 060270002 to be implemented by the Capay Valley FPD with support from the Yolo County RCD and other local agencies. Burning may occur in subsequent years in the spring or fall with appropriate species monitoring and buffers implemented. Within the burn unit, containment lines (mowed buffers) will be implemented to ensure fire stays within the burn unit. This project continues management of the Rumsey Buffer Project. All burning will be performed or supervised by the Capay Valley Fire Protection District in accordance with the terms and conditions of an air quality burn permit issued by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. Fuels management and pile burning decreases fuel continuity, which reduces the probability of catastrophic wildfires and promotes a healthy ecosystem.

A biological assessment and site visits performed by Yolo County RCD identified two active nests on the parcel next to the prescribed fire footprint: a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and a white-

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tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*). Both species are species of concern and subject to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Yolo County RCD qualified biologists consulted with CDFW to develop a Biological Monitoring Plan and to identify proper buffer measures to ensure work does not impact the nesting species.

Bald eagle Buffer and Monitoring

An active bald eagle nest was identified in a eucalyptus tree 684 feet from the burn site. This nest does not have a direct line of site with the prescribed burn project site and will not be impacted by prescribed fire smoke. A 660-foot no-disturbance buffer will be implemented between the tree with the active nest and the burn unit. No ignition, vehicles, equipment, or staff will be allowed within the buffer. An on-site biologist will monitor the nest during site preparation, burn operations, and active work for signs of disturbance and work will be halted if the birds show signs of disturbance.

White-tailed kite Buffer and Monitoring

An active white tailed kite nest was identified in a tree approximately 840 feet from the burn site. This nest does not have a direct line of site with the prescribed burn project site and will not be impacted by prescribed fire smoke. An on-site biologist will monitor the nest during site preparation, burn operations, and active work for signs of disturbance and work will be halted if the birds show signs of disturbance. Burning and site prep is planned for mid to late May which is later in the development season of chicks, especially for the white-tailed kite chicks.

For both species, smoke impacts will be minimal or non-existent and implementation of the burn will be halted if smoke drifts towards the nest. Capay Valley Fire Protection District (CVFPD) is the lead implementor for the prescribed burn. CVFPD will obtain CAL FIRE burn permits (if required) and submit a Smoke Management Plan and coordinate with the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. RCD staff, who are Firefighter Type II certified, will be on-site to assist with the burn and survey and monitor (both in the weeks before the burn and during active work) for species.

Additional work that may occur in this project area (across all three parcels) includes pile burning, prescribed grazing, mechanical thinning, and chipping but will not occur while nesting birds are on-site without no-disturbance buffers and monitoring (when appropriate).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CAL FIRE

Exempt Status:

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

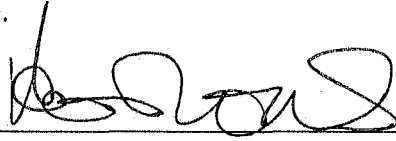
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land CEQA Guidelines § 15304

Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildlife.

Signature (Lead Agency):



Date:

5/6/2026

Name/Title: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

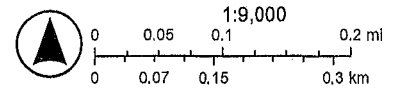
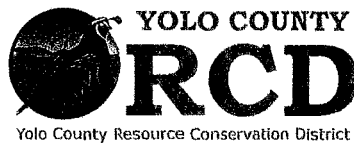
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Rumsey Buffer – Prescribed Burn and Prescribed Grazing



5/4/2026

Legend
[White Outline] Parcels



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Vantor



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL adams@yolorcd.org	DATE 05/06/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
RUMSEY BUFFER - PRESCRIBED BURN AND PRESCRIBED GRAZING

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL adams@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 221 WEST COURT STREET, SUITE 1	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ _____


- 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 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Morgan Braun, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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Thank you

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