



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Murphy's Ranch Fuels Management Project

PROJECT PROPONENT: County of Tuolumne

LOCATION: 062-010-38-00

COUNTY: Tuolumne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (Tribe) which is federally recognized, is to conduct fuel reduction and reforestation activities within a 722-acre area in Tuolumne County, California. Of this 722-acre area approximately 632 is owned in fee by the Tribe and 80 acres is held in federal trust. The project would broadcast burn 120 acres while 60 acres of fuels reduction would be performed using mechanical mastication and hand tools. In addition, approximately 2,000 Ponderosa Pine saplings would be planted on 40 acres to accelerate reforestation efforts. The primary goal of the project is to create a fuel-break system within strategic areas to enhance the wildfire suppression capabilities on the Murphy Ranch property and provide buffers to prevent the spread of wildfire onto nearby populated areas, including the Tribe's trust lands to the northwest and the township of Tuolumne to the west.

APPROVING AGENCY: County of Tuolumne

Filed

EXEMPT STATUS (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15304 (i))

DEC 06 2024

By 
Deputy

RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION: The following presents information in support of filing a Class 4 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (i) for Minor Alterations to Land. Section 15304 (i) Class exempts fuel management activities from detailed environmental review for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The Proposed Project is not subject to any of the exceptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. Additional project documents are available upon request by qualified professionals at 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 from 8am to 3pm, Monday through Friday.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT: Quincy Yaley

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (209)-533-5633

Signature: 
Quincy Yaley
Environmental Coordinator

Date: 12-6-2024

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

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 55 — 12/06/2024 — 043
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY County of Tuolumne	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/06/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Tuolumne	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

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 Murphy's Ranch Fuels Management Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME County of Tuolumne	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 533-5633
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2 South Green Street	CITY Sonora	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95370

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X Taryn Vanderpan <small>Digitally signed by Taryn Vanderpan Date: 2024.12.05 15:23:30 -08'00'</small>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Technician II
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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