



**CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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May 8, 2025

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

## Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

**Project Title:** NW Calaveras Fuel Reduction Project

**Preparer of Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration:** Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc

**Lead Agency Name and Address:** Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD), 423 E. Saint Charles Street, PO Box 1041, San Andreas, CA 95249

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**Project Location:** Township 4N, Range 10E, Sections 22,23,26,27,28,33,34,35; Township 3N, Range 10E, Sections 3,4; Quail Oaks Road, Carol Lane, Crestview Drive, Lake View Road areas within Rancho Calaveras, Burson, and Quail Oaks communities.

**General Plan and Zoning:** Resource Production, Working Lands, Rural Transition A, Rural Transition B; Zones RA, RR, AP, A1

**Project Description Summary:** The proposed Project aims to protect life, property, infrastructure, and habitat from catastrophic wildfire in the Valley Springs and Rancho Calaveras communities. The geographic scope of the NW Calaveras Fuel Reduction Project was identified by the local CAL FIRE Unit as a prioritized area for fuels reduction activities to reduce the probability of wildfire and support future fire suppression efforts. Areas targeted for treatment are decadent and in need of fuels management to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire and promote a more resilient landscape. In the event of a future unplanned wildfire, the intensity, flame length, and rate of spread will be significantly reduced as compared to a no-project alternative. Secondary benefits of the Project include opportunities for maintenance treatments, habitat conservation, and increased landscape resiliency. Treatments will reduce heavy vegetative fuels, increase tree canopy spacing, and cut dead trees which present a hazard to infrastructure. The goal of the proposed Project is to treat a contiguous landscape as much as possible. Proposed treatment methods include the following: mastication, hand cutting and piling, hand cutting and lopping/scattering, hand cutting and chipping (broadcast or chip/haul), prescribed fire (broadcast or pile burning), and prescribed herbivore grazing.

**Declaration:** On May 8, 2025, CCRCD determined that the NW Calaveras Fuel Reduction Project, which includes mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant threshold, will not result in any significant impact to the environment. For this reason, the preparation of an environmental impact report is not required. The following determinations have been made which support the Lead Agency's decision to prepare a mitigated negative declaration:

1. The proposed Project will have No Impact related to: Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Minerals, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.
2. The proposed Project will have Less Than Significant Impact related to: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Noise.
3. The proposed Project will have Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated related to Biological Resources and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Written comments shall be submitted no later than 30 days from the posting date. Appeal of this determination must be made during the posting period.

**Posting Period:**

**May 29, 2025 – June 28, 2025**

**Posting Location(s):**

Physical: 423 E. Saint Charles Street, San Andreas, CA, 95249

Newspaper: Valley Springs News

CCRCD Website: [www.CalaverasRCD.org](http://www.CalaverasRCD.org)

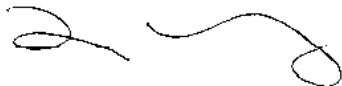
**Submit Comments:**

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**Date**

Executive Director