



## CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MEMORANDUM

February 12, 2026

**To:** California State Clearinghouse

**From:** Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) – Lead Agency

**Subject:** NW Calaveras Fuel Reduction Project, SCH #2025051369 – Minor Revisions to Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND)

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After the IS-MND for the NW Calaveras Fuel Reduction Project was made available to the public and published to the State Clearinghouse (5/29/25-6/28/25), CCRCD received written comments, including from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW). In response to these comments, the following revisions were made to the draft document:

- General formatting and grammar edits throughout for clarity and consistency.
- Updated Section 1.1, *Stage of CEQA Document Development*, to reflect the status as a Final CEQA Document.
- Added clarifying language to Section 2.2.4, *Treatment Specifications*, and to Section 2.2.5, *Avoidance/Minimization Measures*, stating herbicides shall not be utilized for the project, at the request of CDFW.
- Corrected the “State Status” of the following Biological Resources from a status of “None” to “Species of Special Concern” on pages 27 and 42:
  - o Western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*)
  - o California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*)
  - o Western spadefoot (*Spea hammondi*)
- Added occurrence information and corresponding map for California Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*, pop.1) to the discussion on page 44, at the request of CDFW, for transparency.
- Updated language in Section 4, *Mitigation Measures*, for clarity, including language specifying that an Incidental Take Permit shall be obtained prior to the relocation of any special status species, at the request of CDFW.
- Revised language for Mitigation Measure #1 to include a prescribed fire burn window for Crotch’s Bumble Bee protection (*Bombus crotchii*), at the request of CDFW. This burn window was implied due to California’s extended wildfire season, but the language was added for specificity and clarity.
- Revised language to Mitigation Measure #5 stating that CDFW will be consulted if a Tricolored Blackbird Colony is present within 300’ of activities, at the request of CDFW.
- Updated the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) to reflect the revisions described above.

These changes are not considered major revisions as mitigation measures were not replaced or removed, and no new significant impacts were identified which would constitute a major change to the project or proposed mitigations. **All other project information remains the same.**