

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Placer County Resource Conservation District  
11641 Blocker Drive, Ste. 120  
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County Clerk  
County of: Placer

(Address)

Project Title: Placer Sierra Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

T16N R11E S10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, MDBM.

Project Location - City: Alta

Project Location - County: Placer

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of hand thinning, hand pile, machine thinning, machine pile, tracked chipping, roadside chipping, mastication, pile burning, broadcast burning, and herbicide on up to 284 acres associated with this project near Baxter, CA. Fuel Reduction treatments will be strategically implemented along roadsides and ridgetops and in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) to protect the life and property of residents as well as to provide safe evacuation routes and ease of firefighter access and suppression efforts. The project area includes portions of private and public lands within the WUI. Topography is flat to moderate (0%-65%) throughout much of the project area and elevations range from approximately 3980'-5040'.

Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Prescription will include a combination of the fuels reduction techniques listed above as appropriate based on current conditions, slopes, landowner desires, and access constraints.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

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. State type and section number: Categorical Exemption, Class 4, section 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. No significant adverse environmental impacts will 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 wildfire.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lewis Campbell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-392-8049

### If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *Lewis Campbell* Date: 5/23/25 Title: Forestry Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

