

DECLARATION OF FEES DUE  
(California Fish and Wildlife Code Section 711.4)

FOR CLERK USE ONLY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LEAD AGENCY/APPLICANT

Butte County Resource Conservation District  
150 Chuck Yeager Way, Ste A  
Oraville, CA 95965

Project Title:

Musty Buck Herbicide Project

FILING NO.



CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

1. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION/STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION  
 A. Statutorily or Categorically Exempt  
\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Butte County Clerk's Fee
2. NOTICE OF DETERMINATION - FEE REQUIRED  
 A. Negative Declaration  
\$2,406.75 (Two Thousand Four Hundred and Six Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) State Filing Fee  
\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Butte County Clerk's Fee  
B. Environmental Impact Report  
\$3,343.25 (Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents) State Filing Fee  
\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Butte County Clerk's Fee
3. OTHER (Specify) General Rule Exemption  
 \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Butte County Clerk's Fee

This form must be completed and submitted with all environmental documents filed with the Butte County Clerk's Office.

All applicable fees must be paid at the time of filing any environmental documents with the Butte County Clerk's Office.

One original and two (2) copies of all necessary documents are required for filing purposes.

The \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) handling fee is required per filing in addition to the filing fee specified in Fish and Game Code Section 711.4 (d).

Make checks payable to Butte County Clerk-Recorder.



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

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 04-06122025-048  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY BUTTE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/12/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING BUTTE	DOCUMENT NUMBER 244	

PROJECT TITLE  
 MUSTY BUCK HERBICIDE PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME BUTTE COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (530) 693-3173
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 150 CHUCK YEAGER WAY STE A	CITY OROVILLE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95965

**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	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____
<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	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$ _____ <u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>K. Wan</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Krystal Wan , Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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# Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk / County of Butte  
155 Nelson Ave  
Oroville, CA 95965-3411

From: (Public Agency) Butte County Resource Conservation District  
150 Chuck Yeager Way, Ste A  
Oroville, CA 95965

**Project Title:** **Musty Buck Herbicide Project**

**Project Applicant:** Butte County Fire Safe Council

**Project Location - Specific:** T23N R02E S 14, 22 & 23

**Project Location - City:** Unincorporated

**Project Location - County:** Butte

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

The project area experienced 90-100% top-kill during the 2024 Park Fire emergency. All native perennial species in the area (except pine) aggressively resprout. The purpose of the project is to use herbicide to select for more-desired resprouting species and against less-desired resprouting species. (Species desirability is a function of each species' fire behavior & contribution to overall ecosystem biodiversity, and is captured in a detailed prescription.) The project is designed to result in more controllable fire behavior than no-action, which would benefit firefighters, WUI landowners, and prescribed fire practitioners. In conjunction with a suite of thinning and grazing actions that have long been underway under the Big Chico Creek Forest Health Restoration Project MND (SCH #2020040195), the applicant would now add implementation of a pest control recommendation developed by a licensed PCA and forester (Mike Marvier, PCA # 117913 as well as RPF #2629; Rhianna Dutra, RPF #3098).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

Butte County Resource Conservation District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve

**Exempt Status:**

- 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. 20184;15300-15322); \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory exemption: 14 CCR 15269 (emergency projects): \_\_\_\_\_
- Compliant w/ State regulatory program certified as functionally equivalent to CEQA (Sec. 21080.5(c)): see below

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Herbicide application operations are subject to a comprehensive environmental review process established by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and administered by each county's Agricultural Commissioner. The Musty Buck Herbicide Project consists solely of activities that are already, by law, regulated by this State program which is certified as a functional equivalent to CEQA pursuant to 21080.5 and 15251(i)(4). Therefore, no additional EIR, negative declaration, or initial study should be prepared for this project (21080.5(c)).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Thad Walker, District Manager

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 693-3173

**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: 	Date: <u>6/12/25</u>	Title: <u>Chairman, Board of Directors</u>
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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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

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

**Mike's Land Management  
Pest Control Recommendations**

Owner/Operator: **Mike's Land Management**  
OP ID #: **4-25-0450063**  
Address: **1120 Spruce Ave**  
**Chico CA 95926**

Applicator: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Location: **Butte County, Musty Buck project area**

Legal: **T23N R02E S 14, 22 & 23**

Site ID number: **See permit** Unit #: **See permit**

Crop or Commodity	Pest(s) to be Controlled	Acres or Units to be treated
<i>Applicator shall review BCFSC Scope of Work Post Park Fire for further site-specific objectives (Attached to recommendation)</i>		<b>92 Ac</b>

Criteria used to determine need for Pesticide use: \_\_\_ Trap X Field Ins. \_\_\_ Other

Suggested timing or Schedule of Application X Summer X Fall \_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_ Winter

Name of Pesticides to be used:	Dosage Rate/100 gal tank	Volume/Acre	Dilution
<b><u>Foliar application</u></b>			
<b>Element 3A</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10 - 20 Gal.</b>	<b>Water</b>
<b>Roundup Pro Concentrate</b>	<b>2%</b>		
<b>MSO</b>	<b>5%</b>		
<b>Hi-Light Blue Dye</b>	<b>32 oz</b>		

Application: X Ground \_\_\_ Air \_\_\_ Bees in Area: **No** Name of Keeper: **N/A**  
**Ground - Backpack, Directed - Spray to wet - Complete coverage of vegetation (covering every leaf)**

Label Conditions/ Restriction/ Precautions: **Avoid contact with eyes, skin, clothing and food. Keep out of all bodies of water**

Special Instructions & Warnings of Possible damages from Herbicides application to specific known hazards nearby:  
**100 foot buffer area will be observed on Class I watercourses.**  
**A 50 - 75 foot buffer area will be observed on Class II watercourses, springs & meadows.**  
**A 25 foot buffer area will be observed on Class III watercourses.**

**All containers are to be triple rinsed.**

Do not apply within N/A days before harvest Posting Requirement N/A hours/ days

Workers may not enter area \_\_\_\_\_, 2 days or 48 hours after application

Feasible alternatives have been considered and mitigation measures that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impact on the environment have been considered and, if feasible, have been adopted.

**READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL:** Observe all precautionary instructions. Do not allow drift off the property or onto adjacent crops. Rinse and dispose of empty containers properly.

Adviser Signed: *Mike A. Marnier*

Date: 4/22/2025

PCA # 117913

Address: 1120 Spruce Ave  
Chico, CA 95926  
530.604.1895

Rx Expires: 12/15/2025

Copies: Grower - Applicator - Dealer - File

SNC 1378-Scope of Work Post Park Fire

Musty Buck Ridge

### **Contractors Scope of Work**

The project is along Musty Buck Ridge between Cohasset and Forest Ranch. The Musty Buck project including 150 acres with the following treatment methods; lop and scatter, herbicide, and goat grazing. See attached map (Exhibit B). The project boundary may be flagged. If segments on the project area are not flagged prior to operations, the contractor must utilize the Avenza ready maps supplied by the project manager to determine and locate project boundaries for treatment. Final acres to be determined by GPS calculated by the contractor and verified by the project manager/monitor. Contractor will notify BCSFC and BCCER staff prior project commencement. Contractor is to follow transportation map that is attached (exhibit B) to access treatment locations. Contractor is to treat areas per attached Avenza treatment map.

- Do not trim, prune, remove or otherwise disturb any of the following species
  - Black Oak
  - Blue Oak
  - Valley Oak
  - Big Leaf Maple
  - Elderberry
  - Western Redbud

- Thin other species to 25 ft spacing. Below is the preferred species in order of priority to retain
  - Conifers of any species
  - Two Petalled Ash
  - Hop Tree
  - California Buckeye
  - Brewers Oak
  - Interior Live Oak
  - Toyon
  - Mountain Mahogany
  - Silk tassels
  - Coffee Berry
  - Deer Brush

## Herbicide

- Herbicide treatment will focus on 96.4 acres reducing species on the list below utilizing glyphosate and/or triclopyr.
  - Do not treat the following species
    - Black Oak
    - Valley Oak
    - Blue Oak
    - Big leaf maple
    - Elderberry
    - Conifers of any species
    - Two petalled ash
    - Hop Tree
    - Buckeye
    - Western Redbud
  - Treat approximately 50% of the following species
    - Brewers Oak
    - Toyon
    - Silk Tassels
    - Coffee Berry
    - Deer Brush
    - Mountain Mahogany
    - Interior Live Oak
  - Treat approximately 90% of the following species
    - California Bay Laurel
    - Scrub Oak
    - Buck Brush

- Treatment percentages are not expected to be hit perfectly, but instead just a general guideline for the future stand composition
- Individuals left untreated should be spaced out as evenly as possible
- Individuals left untreated should be the largest individuals of those species in the area

#### Watercourse and Other Protected Areas

1. Herbicide treatments shall not take part within 25 feet of drainages.
2. Operations shall not place, discharge, dispose of, or deposit in such a manner as to permit to pass into waters of the state, any substances, or materials, including, but not limited to, soil, silt, bark, slash, sawdust, or petroleum in quantities which may cause harm to fish, wildlife, beneficial functions of riparian zones, or the quality and beneficial uses of water.
3. All staging areas and fueling or maintenance of vehicles and equipment shall occur outside of sensitive habitat areas and at least 50 feet from any water body, drainages (including storm drains) or riparian habitat.
4. No petroleum products, chemical, silt, fine soil, or any substance or material deleterious to sensitive species shall be allowed to pass into or be placed where it could enter a stream channel. Any spills of hazardous materials shall be cleaned up and/or removed immediately. Any such spills shall be reported to BCFSC.

# SNC 1378 Musty Buck Herbicide

## Legend

- Herbicide - 86 Acres
- Black Oak Exclusion Zone - 32.3 Acres
- Class 3 Watercourse Buffer - 25ft
- Roads
- Class I Watercourse
- Class 2 Watercourse
- Class 3 Watercourse
- Parcel
- Contour Interval - 40ft

