

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, "Kashia Community Wildfire Resiliency Project"		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Stewarts Point Rancheria; -38.654346, -123.331715	<b>COUNTY</b>	Sonoma County
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians to implement tribal wildfire resilience treatments within the Stewarts Point Rancheria in northwest Sonoma County to manage their ancestral lands. Treatments include manual and mechanical fuel reduction, cultural and prescribed burning, and pesticide use, including herbicide application, to establish a series of shaded fuel breaks. These treatments aim to serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and cultural use of fire while preserving natural habitat linkages and protecting the watershed.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(e)

**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4799.05(e), CEQA does not apply to projects funded by the Nature-Based Solutions Tribal Program, or the tribal cultural burn and tribal wildfire funding authorized by Schedule (2) of Item 3540-101-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2021, as added by Section 46 of Chapter 240 of the Statutes of 2021. This subdivision only applies to projects carried out on lands subject to the jurisdictional control or the ownership of a California Native American tribe, as defined in Section 21073. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety and determined to meet the requirements of PRC 4799.05(e).

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING**

<p>DocuSigned by:                    John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director                  Resource Management                  California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection</p>	<p>6/16/2025                  _____                  Date</p>
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