



SHASTA VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FILED

Siskiyou County

JUN 26 2025

PROJECT TITLE	Athiuhuf: Slater Fire Restoration Project	LAURA BYNUM, CLERK
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located ½ mile northeast of Happy Camp, and at the southeast junction of Indian Creek Road and Indian Creek Drive 7 miles north of Highway 96. Legal Description: T16N, R7E section 2; T17N, R7E section 9	BY: <u>ENDORSED D. BROOKS</u> COUNTY Siskiyou Deputy Clerk
LEAD AGENCY	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD)	
CONTACT	Dan Blessing, Shasta Valley RCD	
ADDRESS	215 Executive Ct. Ste A Yreka, CA 96097	PHONE 805-458-2684

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project located on 37 acres of Karuk fee land located near Happy Camp, CA, and is within the Slater Fire footprint. Treatments include fuel reduction, invasive plant removal, oak woodland restoration, pile burning and prescribed fire on approximately 37 acres. Treatments include mechanical and hand crews that will focus on the removal of hazardous dead vegetation including standing dead material and brush regrowth. Standing dead and dying hardwoods and conifers will be removed except for trees that show wildlife use or provide other cultural use value. Mechanical operations will include the use of a masticator and chipping equipment and manual treatments will include chainsaws, loppers or pruners, piling and burning. Removal of hazardous trees and fuels reduction will have a direct benefit to the life and safety of residents and travelling motorists in the area. Trees that have firewood value will be put into decks for tribal members and staff to access, and later processed to be put into firewood banks for the tribal elders and community use. Those trees that are of the right size and specs to be used for tribal fisheries restorations projects will be harvested with root-wad attached for large woody debris stream loading and saved for that purpose. All the rest of the trees, and activity fuels will be put into burn piles that will be burned by tribal fire/fuels staff in the correct burn window following their construction. There is no selling, bartering, or trading planned as a part of this project. The value of the fuel treatments, both in terms of reduced fire behavior/intensity and in terms of impacts will produce long-term benefits. Live trees that do not pose a threat to people or property will be retained.

The overall project objective is to utilize low intensity prescribed fire to maintain and enhance previous vegetative fuel reduction efforts in an oak woodland forest type. The goal is to reduce wildfire risk and to enhance fire resilient conditions and to ensure that the exposure of human assets and communities to wildfire risk has been reduced. The proposed Project will provide follow up treatments to previous thinning of white oak (*Quercus garryana*) and black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) to continue efforts to modify forest conditions to maintain oak/woodland forest habitat and reduce fuel loads and prepare forests for long-term stewardship through practices such as prescribed fire.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (c) Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4). Class 4 is applicable to projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The minor alterations to land proposed by the project would include cultural fire and/or selective manual and/or mechanical weed removal, followed by planting of native plants by seed or small plants in ground disturbed by severe fire. No channel disturbance or herbicide usage are authorized. The Shasta Valley RCD has reviewed the project and determined that none of the exceptions to the Class 4 categorical exemption apply to the project.

Project involves minor alteration of vegetation, including post-wildfire follow-up fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation and dead material to maintain an oak woodland habitat. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed as part of this project. An environmental review was completed concluding that project implementation as designed could not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. There will be no impact to historic or cultural resources due to minimal ground disturbance and/or avoidance.



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DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Dowse".

Rod Dowse, District Manager
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

A handwritten date in black ink, "6/26/25".

Date

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On 6/26/25, Shasta Valley RCD filed an application
(Date) (Name)
for development with the Siskiyou County. Before the application
(Name of City)

is accepted as complete for processing, fees in the following amount(s) must be deposited with the County Clerk.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Clerk Processing Fee | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Negative Declaration | \$2,968.75* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EIR | \$4,123.50 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorically Exempt | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutorily Exempt | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fee Exemption issued by the DFG | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | \$ _____ |

No project shall be operative, vested or final until the required fee is paid. *Public Resources Code §21089 (b)*

On June 26, 25, Shasta Valley RCD deposited \$ 50.00,
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk _____
ENDORSED-D. BROOKS
(Attest)

Application No. N/A Receipt # 2025004285/
(To be completed when application is received for processing) 47-06/26/2025-029

* If it is determined by Siskiyou County that the fee required for a Negative Declaration does not apply to your project a refund will be granted.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

47-06/26/2025-029

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/26/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SISKIYOU COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2025-47-029	
PROJECT TITLE		

ATHIHUUF: SLATER FIRE RESTORATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SHASTA VALLEY RCD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (805) 458-2684
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 215 EXECUTIVE CT. STE. A	CITY YREKA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 96097

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)


☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Dana Brooks Deputy Clerk
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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters
311 4th St., Rm. 201
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-8084

Public

Receipt No.: RPT20250000000422

Finalization No.: 2025004285

Cashier: 29

Register: CLK-044

Date/Time: 06/26/2025 11:27 AM

Description	Fee
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
Filing Time:	11:27 AM
Filing Total:	\$50.00
Filing Fee:	\$50.00
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Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
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Total Paid	
Cash Tendered:	\$50.00
Amount Due:	\$0.00

THANK YOU

PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

