

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Tehama County RCD, Encroachment Permit # 0224-NLT-0160

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation for issuance of an encroachment permit

Project Location - Specific:

The site is located on SR 172, post mile 5.0 to 8.901, Tehama County

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is proposing to perform fuel reduction activities along the State Route 172 right-of-way (ROW) between post mile 5.0 and 8.901, in Tehama County. Activities include cutting brush, thinning, and removing live trees (15" DBH and under), along with downed trees. The purpose of the project is to reduce ground fuels and ground-to-ladder fuels to minimize fire risk to surrounding communities. To facilitate the proposed activities, traffic control would be performed during the proposed work. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit to allow for the proposed work to occur within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans for Issuance of an Encroachment Permit

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tehama 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: 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4 (i) – Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Carolyn Sullivan

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 218-8940

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: Carolyn Sullivan Date: 7/8/25 Title: Senior Env. Planner

▪ 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: _____