

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
215 Executive Court, Suite A
Yreka, CA 9097

x County Clerk
County of Siskiyou
311 Forth Street, Rm 201
Yreka, CA 96097

Project Title: The California Wildfire Mitigation Program- West Mt. Shasta Defensible Space Project

Project Applicant: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Project Location Specific: Residential properties within the West Mt. Shasta area. Specific addresses to be served within these project areas are unknown at this time and will be determined as homeowners from within the project area apply to participate in the program.

Project Location – City: Mt. Shasta

Project Location-County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District has partnered with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for the West Mt. Shasta Defensible Space Project. The aim of the project is to assist local homeowners in the reduction and/or prevention of residential structure damage and loss resulting from wildland fires carried through the wildland-urban interface by reducing fuel loading within 100 feet of residential structures. The treatments will adhere to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Defensible Space requirements and recommendations to treat Zones 0, 1, and 2, as described below.

Zone 0: 0-5 ft from structure. No combustible materials in area. Includes extension from wooden decks.

Zone 1: 5-30 ft from structure. Shrubs and canopy evenly spaced.

Zone 2: 30-100 ft from structure. Trees thinned, pruned up to 8ft from ground. Chips from other zones spread in this area but cannot exceed 3” deep.

Defensible space measures including but not limited to are removal of dead, dying debris and fuel, removal of stumps and logs, replacement of combustible fencing and gates, removal of trees within the Zone 0 and to create proper vertical and horizontal spacing, removal of brush/slash and small trees and clearing the Zone 0 to dirt or installing gravel.

The goal is to implement defensible space measures on 100 parcels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

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 Section 15304, Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land:**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation for wildfire hazard reduction, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Minimal ground disturbance is expected from this amended project. The project as proposed will not have a negative impact upon any listed species of plant or animal with

potential to be found within the project area. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment.

Contact Person:

Rod Dowse

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(530) 572-3120

Date: 7/14/25

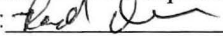
Signature: 

Title: District Manager

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

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: