

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians; EcoCultural Stewardship of Ye-Ma-Bax		
PROJECT LOCATION	8220 Scotts Valley Road, Upper Lake, 4550 Scotts Valley Road, Lakeport, and 7130 Red Hills Rd, Kelseyville	COUNTY	Lake
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (SVBPI) to implement tribal wildfire resilience treatment activities on approximately 45.3 acres in Lake County to bring health and resilience to SVBPI tribally owned lands through Indigenous-led stewardship. Treatments consist of low to moderate intensity prescribed and cultural burning, including both broadcast and piling burning, manual hand thinning, native species planting, invasive species removal, and riparian restoration activities (e.g. tule planting and willow planting for bank stabilization). These treatments aim to serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and cultural use of fire.

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).

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