

## NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

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**To:** Lassen County Clerk  
220 South Lassen Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

**From:** Honey Lake Valley RCD  
1516 Main Street Suite A  
Susanville, CA 96130

**Date:** 07/24/2025

**Project Title:** Lassen County Cone Collection Program

**Project Location:** Seed Zones: 523, 732, 771

**Project Description:** In order to recover and rehabilitate forest land impacted by fire and insect attack, it is necessary to harvest conifer cones in Lassen County for current and future reforestation projects. Mature cones from conifer trees from various seed zones will be collected/harvested. The harvest method will be to hand climb selected seed trees and harvest cones using simple hand tools (pole saw and pole pruners). Once cones are removed from trees, they will be dropped to the ground and put into bags. The bags of cones will then be transported to a temporary holding facility and then eventually transported to CalForest Nurseries Inc.

**Exempt Status** (Guidelines Section and Class): 14 CCR Section 15304(a)

**Categorical Exemption, Class 4** (Minor Alterations to Land)

### **Reasons Why this Project is Exempt**

This project is considered exempt from the provisions of CEQA under 14 CCR, Ch. 3, Article 19, Section 15304. Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HLVRCD) has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. HLVRCD's determination is based on field reviews by CALFIRE staff for the Statewide Cone Collection Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2021060630).

This project qualifies as a Class 4 exemption for minor public or private alterations to land, water or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Under Section 15304, a project is exempt if the project consists of minor alterations to land, water or vegetation.

### **Public Agencies that will be involved with the project:**


Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
Lassen Fire Safe Council

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**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
530-260-0067

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/24/2025

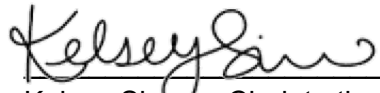
Jesse Claypool, Chairman  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

**ATTEST:**

I, Kelsey Siemer, Clerk to the Board of Directors, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, do hereby certify that the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District approved this Notice of Exemption on July 24th 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0  
Absent: 0

  
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Kelsey Siemer, Clerk to the Board of Directors  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District