

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
California Tahoe Conservancy  
1061 Third Street  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Project Title:** STPUD Critical Infrastructure Hazardous Fuel Reduction

**Project Location – Specific:**

The project consists of 33 acres of treatment on 36 water infrastructure facilities, located in both Placer and El Dorado Counties and within the North Tahoe Public Utility District, Tahoe City Public Utility District, and South Tahoe Public Utility District. Each individual treatment area would consist of a 100-foot-wide buffer around all structures and a 10-foot-wide buffer along roads within treatment site boundaries. All activities proposed by the project would take place within these 100- and 10-foot boundaries.

**Project Location – City:** South Lake Tahoe, California and unincorporated locations in El Dorado County and Placer County.

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado County and Placer County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project proposes the implementation of a vegetation management plan to address wildfire risk to high-priority water infrastructure sites in the North Tahoe Public Utility District, Tahoe City Public Utility District, and South Tahoe Public District service territories.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** South Lake Tahoe Public Utilities District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** South Lake Tahoe Public Utilities District

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption – Class 4 § 15304

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The proposed project would implement a vegetation management plan to address wildfire risk to high-priority water infrastructure sites. All fuel management/treatment activities proposed would occur within 100 feet of structures located in each identified treatment area, or within 10 feet of a roadway. As such, the project is consistent with the Example (i) of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption. None of the exceptions that would prevent the use of a categorical exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.

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