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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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Lakeport, California 95453
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Lake
Lakeport, CA 95453

Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

FROM: Lake County Community Development Dept.
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

PROJECT TITLE: Lake County Air Quality Management District Rules and Regulations Update (PL-25-337)

PROJECT LOCATION: County of Lake (Air Quality Management District boundaries)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: California Health & Safety Code ("H&SC") Sections 40702, 42311, 42311.5, 41512.5, 10 42364, 44380, and 40726 authorize the Lake County Air Quality Management District ("District") 11 to adopt a fee schedule to recover the reasonable regulatory costs of the District's programs. In response to changes within CalFire processes, Federal regulations, Federal Environmental Protection Agency 15 (EPA) requirements, California Ambient Air Quality Standards, and California Health and Safety 16 Code requirements, the Lake County Air Quality Management District's (District's) Rules and compliance programs must be updated to align with the aforementioned regulations.

The proposed changes to the District Rules and Regulations results from increased costs of District operations, compliance with Federal requirements, changes in CalFire policies, and Fire Agencies withdrawal from burn permit issuance, as summarized below.

- The existing fee schedule was created in the 1970s and has not changed significantly since. The second reason for the fee rule update is to move the District from a potential to emit model for fees to a cost recovery model for fees.
- Several burn rules are proposed to be updated at this time. These are being proposed for several reasons including: changes in CalFire's policies related to declaring an end to fire season; the local Fire Chiefs, through the Fire Chiefs' Association requested to no longer be active participants in the issuance of Air District burn permits; and to provide clarification to several burn rules to ensure program clarity.
- The District is proposing two Title V rules to be repealed. These rules relate to emergency events. They operate similar to a breakdown rule, but the Federal Regulation that they were based on has been repealed, and EPA has sent a letter requiring the District repeal these rule sections as they are no longer valid. There are no sources in Lake County subject to Title V permitting at this time, so no sources are impacted by this change.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Lake County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Air District Board of Directors. September 9, 2025

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Lake County Air Quality Management District

EXEMPT STATUS (Check One):

☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
☒ Statutory Exemption: State code number: 15273. *RATES, TOLLS, FARES, AND CHARGES*
☐ Categorical Exemption The action is statutorily exempt from environmental review, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) :
☐ General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The updates to the District's Rules and compliance programs is exempt under Section 15273. Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges, as the proposed action is for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, and approval of rates, fees, and other charges by the District which the District Board finds are for the purpose of meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, obtaining funds for projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, and meeting operating expenses.

Approval of the updated regulations is required for compliance with state and federal regulations that have been recently updated. The updated regulations include updated fee calculations and permit processes; they do not authorize approval of any permits or other projects that would result in an impact to the environment.

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Signature: Michelle Irace **Date: September 10, 2025**

Title: Senior Planner

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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17-09/10/2025-060

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LAKE COUNTY		2025-076

PROJECT TITLE

LAKE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DIST RULES AND REGS UPDATE PL-25-337

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
LAKE COUNTY AIR QUALITY			
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
2617 S MAIN ST	LAKEPORT	CA	95453

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,401.75	$
☒ Exempt from fee		
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$ 850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other 57324 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Deputy County Clerk

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