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: Kilgore Fuel Reduction Project
Project Applicant: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Project Location Specific: East of Interstate 5, approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the City of Yreka. Legal Description: T44N R 7W, Sections 1 &2; T44N R6W Section 6

Project Location – City: Yreka **Project Location-County: Siskiyou**

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Treatment activities will include manual and mechanical treatments to reduce hazardous fuels consisting of over-dense, dead, dying, and diseased shrubs and trees. The Project will enhance the existing oak habitats by removing competing vegetation, and modifying the vegetative composition promote more diverse habitat types and forage opportunities. Treatments are designed and planned to reintroduce prescribed broadcast fire onto the landscape. Manual treatments will include cutting, pruning, chipping, piling, pile burning, prescribed broadcast burning, and herbicide application. Mechanical treatments will include mastication and piling with a track style skid steer, and mastication and piling with an excavator. Other mechanical treatments will include machine piling of vegetation and installation of prescribed fire control lines with a dozer and 6-way blade to remove vegetative material and expose mineral soil with minimal disturbance or displacement of soil. Erosion control structures may be installed where necessary in treatment areas and on access roads with manual or mechanical methods.

Vegetation to be removed consists primarily of dense buckbrush (Ceanothus cuneatus), Mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus betuloides), Whiteleaf manzanita (Arctostaphylos viscida), and Greenleaf manzanita (Arctostaphylos patula). Trees less than 8 inches dia meter at breast height (dbh), snags which do not contain cavities, and dying or diseased trees will also be removed. Tree species within the project area consist primarily of Oregon White oak (Quercus garryana), Ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa), and Western juniper (Juniperus occidentalis). Material generated by treatment activities will be piled and burned or chipped. Prescribed broadcast burns will be implemented following initial treatments.

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));
- **X** Categorical Exemption Section 15304, Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land;
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: This project fits under Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations of Land, Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment. Documentation of the environmental review is kept on file at Shasta Valley RCD, 215 Executive Court, Suite A, Yreka, CA 96097 – Attention Dan Blessing

Contact Person:

Rod Dowse

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(530) 572-3120

Date: 9/23/25

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: _____