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COUNTY RECORDER

Filing Requested by: *Return to:*
Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name
221 West Court Street Suite 1
Address
Woodland, CA 95695
City, State, Zip

Notice of Exemption

To:

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder
625 Court Street, Room B-01
Woodland, CA 95695

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
meyer@yolorcd.org

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Tree Stand Thinning for an Alternative Evacuation Route – Encina Drive

Project Location – Specific: 28187 Encina Drive (APN: 030070059000)

Project Location – City: Winters, CA

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project: This fuels reduction project is part of a series of vegetation reduction projects throughout the west Winters area. The goal of this project is to provide an alternative evacuation route for the community of the Golden Bear Estates. The project consists of mechanical handwork (chainsaws and loppers) and chipping along Encina Drive and on an area of private property. The tree grove primarily consists of eucalyptus and non-native, dying pine trees. In subsequent years, maintenance at the site may occur. The project footprint is 650 feet long by 20 feet wide (0.3 acres) along Encina Drive and a dirt road on private property. Overgrown vegetation can burn and fall into the road limiting access or evacuation in the event of a wildfire. Reducing fuels in project footprint will provide an alternative evacuation route for the Golden Bear Estates. Thinning and fuels reduction will be performed by CAL FIRE and/or a licensed contractor with biological and botanical monitoring conducted by Yolo County Resource Conservation District. Felling of trees will be limited to trees smaller than six inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). Stumps will remain in the ground to minimize soil disturbance. The project entails mechanical thinning of roadside vegetation of non-native highly flammable vegetation. Mechanical treatments can benefit ecosystems by reducing the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires, maintaining and restoring healthy ecosystems, and protecting human communities.

Work may occur during nesting bird season. If work commences during nesting bird season (February

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1st to September 15th) the project area will be surveyed for nesting birds by a qualified biologist no more than one week before operations. If nesting birds are located, the RCD will develop measures that avoid impacts and are consistent with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

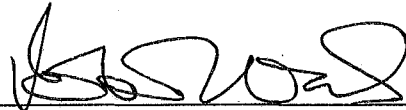
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Private Contractor and/or CAL FIRE

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alteration of Land

Reasons the project is exempt: The project is not expected to cause ground disturbance and will occur in a eucalyptus grove, a highly modified, non-native habitat that serves little to no habitat value for special status plants or animals in the region. Work is expected to be performed by a qualified contractor and/or CAL FIRE hand crews with biological and botanical monitoring conducted by Yolo County Resource Conservation District staff. The project will not impact large trees and will benefit habitat by decreasing likelihood of catastrophic fire and thinning understory vegetation which will decrease pressure from invasive weeds on native plant understory.

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, or utilities and service systems.

Signature (Lead Agency):



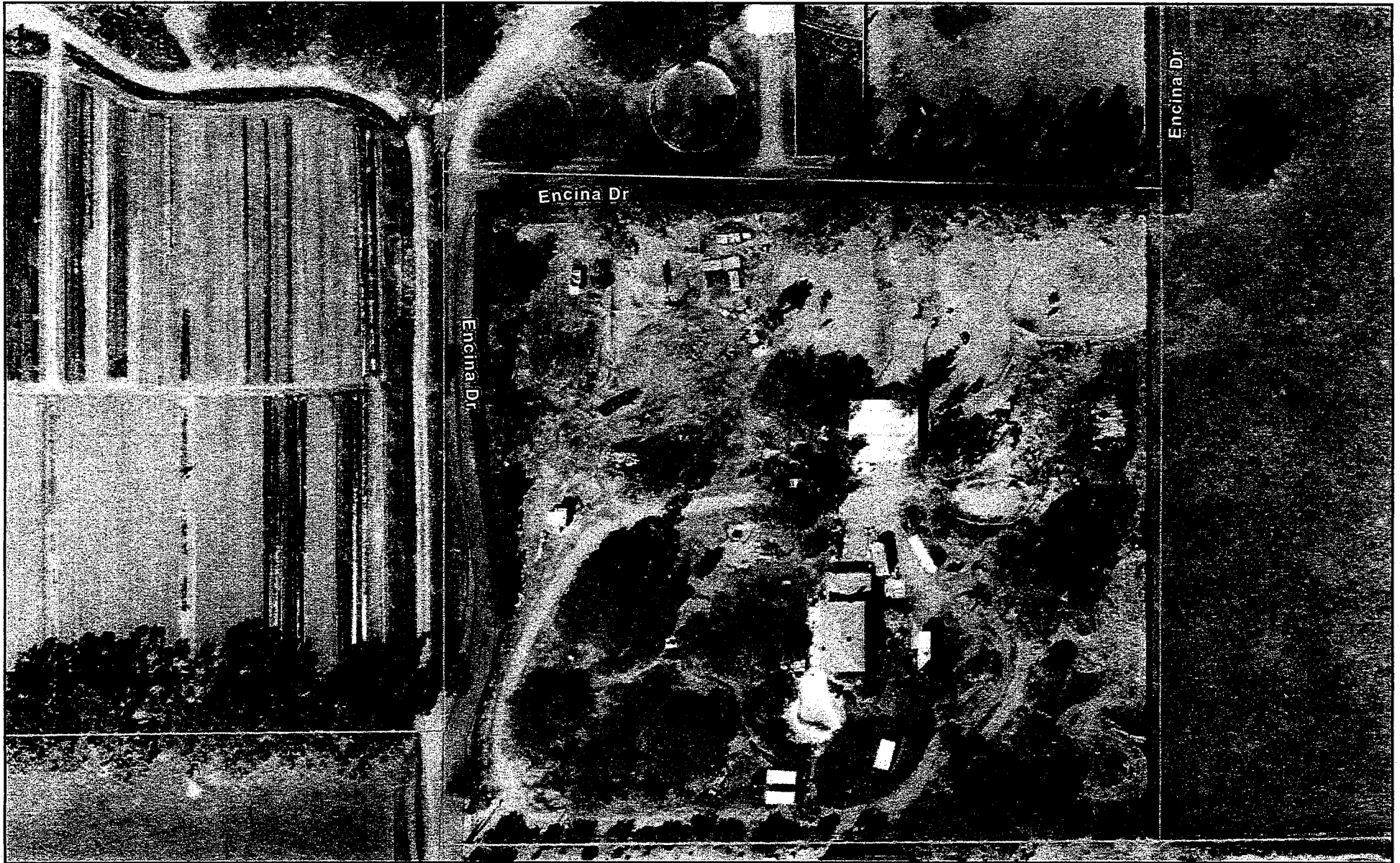
Date:

9/30/2025

Name/Title: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

Encina Drive Tree Stand Thinning, Winters, CA



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Polygons YCRCDC Projects Community Wildfire Final Locations

Hand thinning and limbing

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World Imagery

Low Resolution 15m Imagery

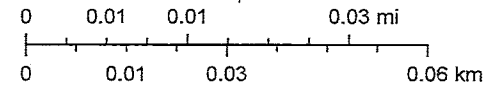
High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

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30cm Resolution Metadata

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 57-10012025-105
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO		DOCUMENT NUMBER

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		ZIP CODE 95695

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
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 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ _____
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