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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:** Roadside Fuels Reduction in Tree Stand Along Highway 16 at County Rd 42

**Project Location – Specific:** 4160 Highway 16 (APN: 060220038000) and 4050 Highway 16 (APN: 060220041000)

**Project Location – City:** Rumsey, CA

**Project Location – County:** Yolo

**Description of nature and purpose of the Project:** This fuels reduction project is part of a series of roadside vegetation reduction projects throughout the Capay Valley to protect Highway 16 as an evacuation route and access point during wildfire events. The project consists of mechanical handwork (chainsaws and loppers) and chipping in a roadside section of overgrown vegetation primarily consisting of mature non-native cypress trees. In subsequent years, maintenance at the site may occur. The project footprint is approximately 0.25 acres along Highway 16 across two parcels of private property. Overgrown vegetation too close to the highway poses a risk to the town of Rumsey and the larger Capay Valley region, as overgrown vegetation can burn and fall into the roadway limiting access or evacuation. Reducing fuels in project footprint along the highway will reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfire. Thinning and reducing ladder fuels along this section of Highway 16 will be performed by 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 twelve (12) inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). There are native valley oaks on site that will be left in place. Stumps of cut trees 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

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by reducing the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires, maintaining and restoring healthy ecosystems, and protecting human communities.

A Qualified Biologist with experience in conducting planning-level and species-specific surveys in the area, conducted a biological reconnaissance survey at the project site. Based on the results of the biological survey of both units, the project has been designed so it will not cause significant adverse impact to special status species with likelihood to occur near the project site.

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

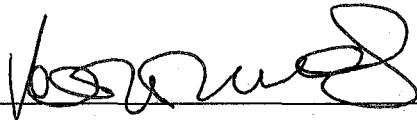
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Private Contractor

**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

# Hwy 16 Tree Thinning at County Rd 42, Rumsey, CA



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Polygons YCRC Projects Community Wildfire Final Locations

-  Mechanical and hand Thinning
-  CONFIDENTIAL\_Parcels\_Yolo\_2025
-  World Imagery
-  Low Resolution 15m Imagery

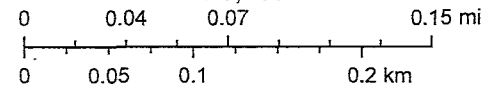
High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

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1.2m Resolution Metadata

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**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  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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<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
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