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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Placer
3715 Atherton Rd.
Rocklin, CA 95765

From: (Public Agency): Truckee Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 2768
Truckee, CA 96160
(Address)

Project Title: Nevada and Placer County Cooperative Landscape Resilience Project (SPI Mastication)

Project Applicant: Truckee Fire Protection District

Project Location - Specific:

T17N, R16E Section 30,31; T17N, R15E Section 36; T16N, R16E Section 5,6 -MDBM

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of herbicide application with follow-up mechanical mastication of shrubs and small-diameter conifers less than 10 inches DBH across approximately 571 acres of SPI-managed timberlands. The primary objective is to eliminate the continuity of surface and ladder fuels, reduce the risk of crown fire, and create a more resilient, fire-adapted forest condition. Mastication will target brush and sub-canopy conifers to break vertical fuel continuity and raise canopy base height, which will reduce potential fire intensity and severity. Retention of healthy, dominant overstory trees will be prioritized to maintain canopy cover and stand vigor. The project is intended to: achieve increased resiliency to the threat of wildfire to the town of Truckee and surrounding United States Forest Service (USFS) lands, and provide ecosystem restoration by improving forest health and resilience to climate change.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Truckee Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Pacific Industries

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304, Class 4
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land. This exemption applies to minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. The project includes selective removal of suppressed and small-diameter understory trees and brush species through hand thinning, mastication, chipping, and limited mechanical tree removal, along with targeted herbicide application to control woody brush resprouting in specific areas. Herbicide treatments are limited in scope, will be applied by licensed applicators in strict accordance with all state and federal regulations, and are necessary to ensure long-term treatment effectiveness, forest health improvement, and reduced maintenance disturbance. These actions are designed to reduce vertical and horizontal fuel continuity adjacent to developed communities, thereby significantly lowering wildfire risk and improving forest resilience.Truckee Fire Protection District Forester has evaluated the project and determined that it will not result in significant impacts to any environmental resource area, including but not limited to aesthetics, agricultural or forestland resources, air quality, biological and cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, public services, recreation, transportation, utilities, or wildfire risk.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dillon Sheedy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-536-8020

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

Signature: _____ Date: 10/14/2025 Title: Forester

▪ 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: _____

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