

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: East Fork Scott River Forest Health Implementation Project

Lead Agency: Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Callahan Siskiyou
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project will be used to implement up to 348 acres of hazardous fuels treatments to improve forest health, create climate resilience and reduce the risk of wildfire in the East Fork of the Scott River watershed, an area of Scott Valley that lies on the outskirts of the community of Callahan, a Community at Risk in far northern California's Siskiyou County. The Project will employ four distinct treatment techniques—chipping, mastication, hand piling, and pile burning—to customize treatments according to the specific needs of each location. As a result, 186 acres of ridgeline shaded fuel breaks will be implemented, 124 acres (1.3 miles) of shaded fuel breaks along highway 3, and an additional 38 acres will be treated with pile burning. In the 186 acres of ridgeline shaded fuel break, treatments will be a combination of hand piling and burning, thinning, chipping and mastication. The proposed treatments will mitigate competition among trees, enhancing their resistance to pests, diseases, and drought. By thinning dense stands, we will create a more diverse forest structure that supports a wider variety of species, thereby boosting biodiversity. Additionally, thinning around oak trees encroached by conifers will improve habitat quality and food sources for wildlife. Methods of treatment will include chipping, pruning, pile burning, and mechanical and hand treating overly dense conifer stands and brush.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project will not have a significant impact related to energy, land use planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems and wildfire. The project will have a less than significant impact on aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, biological resources, cultural resources and tribal resources.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No negative comments have been recorded. There were no objections from the Tribes notified pursuant to AB52.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Scott River Watershed Council
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
BBW & Associates