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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Amador
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

From: (Public Agency): Amador Resource Conservation District
12200 B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642
(Address)

Project Title: Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break

Project Applicant: Amador Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
Sections 22-27, 36, T7N, R12E MDBM. Sections 29, 30 T7N R13E MDBM. Pine Grove and West Point USGS 7.5 minute quads

Project Location - City: Volcano & Pioneer Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will construct a community fuel break on prominent ridges in the vicinity of the community of Volcano, located in central Amador County. The shaded fuel break will extend from Pioneer to Volcano.
The fuel break is a total of 7.5 miles ranging from 150'-400' wide depending on terrain. Using an average of 300' width, the estimated acreage is 270 acres. This fuel break would provide protection for approximately 2,065 habitable structures. This proposed fuel break will tie in strategically with the recently established Mitchell Mine Fuel Break (17- FP-AEU-1027) and the current fuel reduction program by the AFSC on BLM parcels funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC #1370).

The project will utilize a combination of treatments to reduce or remove incompatible vegetation within the fuel break. These treatments may include mechanical mastication, hand thinning and chipping, piling and burning, pruning, the application of herbicides, grazing, and/or other treatment methods. Ground fuels and brush will be masticated, and small conifer and hardwood trees will be thinned. Property owners included in the project have signed Right-of-Entry agreements to allow project work to be performed on their properties. The project has been flagged on the ground with flagging.

The intent is for this Notice of Exemption to cover ongoing maintenance of the project in perpetuity.

ENDORSED
FILED
OCT 30 2024
KIMBERLY L. GRADY, County Clerk
AMADOR COUNTY
By A. MARINA Deputy

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Amador Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador Fire Safe Council

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: 14CCR§15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

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Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under the description for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Amador RCD staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Amador RCD 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, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Amador RCD staff is kept on file at the Amador RCD office in Jackson, CA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Steve Cannon, President ARCD Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 223-3581

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: [signature] Date: 14 OCT 2025 Title: DIRECTOR

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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