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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: _____

From: (Public Agency): Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley, 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(Address)

Project Title: Restoration of Caldor Fire-Affected Watersheds: Instream Habitat Restoration Project

Project Applicant: United States Forest Service, El dorado National Forest

Project Location - Specific:
The Project is located in the El Dorado National Forest near Grizzly Flat, CA. Latitude 38°42'21.33" and longitude -120°18'54.41".

Project Location - City: Grizzly Flat Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The 170,000-acre Project consists of enhancing large wood concentrations and structures in streams throughout the Caldor Fire area by falling dead or damaged trees to increase instream shading, improve habitat, and increase sediment capture on approximately 5 stream miles in fire-affected drainages.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: United States Forest Service, El dorado National Forest

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: 15333 small habitat restoration
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
15333 small habitat restoration. Enhancing large wood concentrations and structures in streams throughout the Caldor Fire area by falling dead or damaged trees to increase instream shading, improve habitat, and increase sediment capture on approximately 5 stream miles in fire-affected drainages.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sara Gevorgyan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-464-4710

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: Sara Gevorgyan Digitally signed by Sara Gevorgyan Date: 2025.11.03 09:37:43 -08'00' Date: 11/3/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ 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: _____