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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: _____
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From: (Public Agency): Trinity County Resource Conservation District - 30 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville, CA, 96093

(Address)

Project Title: Rush Creek Noxious Weed Management Project

Project Applicant: Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD)

Project Location - Specific:

See attached.

Project Location - City: Rush Creek Road - Weaverville Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: TCRCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: TCRCD

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: CCR Tit. 14, Section 15333 - Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in CCR Section 15333, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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, or to utilities and service systems.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dylan Kirkley Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530)623-6004

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: Kelly D Sheen Digitally signed by Kelly D Sheen Date: 2025.11.06 15:12:59 -08'00' Date: 11/6/2025 Title: Executive 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: _____

Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Post Office Box 1450 · 30 Horseshoe Lane · Weaverville, CA 96093-1450

PROJECT TITLE	Rush Creek Noxious Weed Management Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located along Rush Creek Road off of Highway 3, near Weaverville, Trinity County, California. T34N R9W, Section 21 (Mount Diablo Principal Meridian).	**COUNTY**	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District		
CONTACT ADDRESS	Dylan Kirkley, EC Program Manager – dkirkley@tcrcd.net P.O Box 1450, Weaverville, CA 96093	**PHONE**	530-623-6004

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement noxious weed removal around Rush Creek Road, near the intersection of Rush Creek Drive and Rush Creek Road, approximately seven (7) miles north/northeast of Weaverville, in Trinity County, CA. This work will take place entirely on private lands within the area of Rush Creek Road, in areas where noxious weeds have spread along the confluence of Rush Creek. This removal of noxious weeds will prevent further spread from their point of origin and transport downstream through Rush Creek.

The District plans to implement noxious weed removal on up to five (5) acres, on private lands along Rush Creek. The primary goal of this project is to remove existing invasive populations and prevent the further spread of garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) throughout the Rush Creek watershed, which is tributary to the mainstem Trinity River. Our objectives are to minimize the effect of invasive noxious weeds on native plant populations and allow for the natural regeneration of native species within affected areas.

Methods of removal for garlic mustard will be exclusively manual and no chemical treatments will be used. Removal will occur prior to the formation of mature seed pods as much as feasible, to ensure a higher success of treatment. Removal will involve manually pulling the entire taproot. Soil disturbance will be limited as much as possible, and standard erosion control BMPs will be utilized when weed removal leaves significant bare ground. Plant materials will be bagged and removed from the site for proper disposal. Personnel participating in noxious weed removal activities will observe BMPs for preventing the spread of noxious weeds from project sites (e.g. cleaning boots, proper disposal). Monitoring will occur post-treatment and additional treatments may be necessary to maintain desired conditions.

Consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has occurred, and CDFW confirmed that no additional permits will be required for project implementation. As this project involves the removal of noxious weeds that replace native plants and remove habitat for native species, and the methods of removal and control are exclusively manual with no chemical treatments, the overall effect on any sensitive environment will be a net positive. The project activities will not result in any significant cumulative impacts to sensitive plant or animal communities or effects to water quality, nor are there any unusual circumstances involved with project activities that could lead to a significant environmental impact.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption — Type/Section: CCR Tit. 14, Section 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

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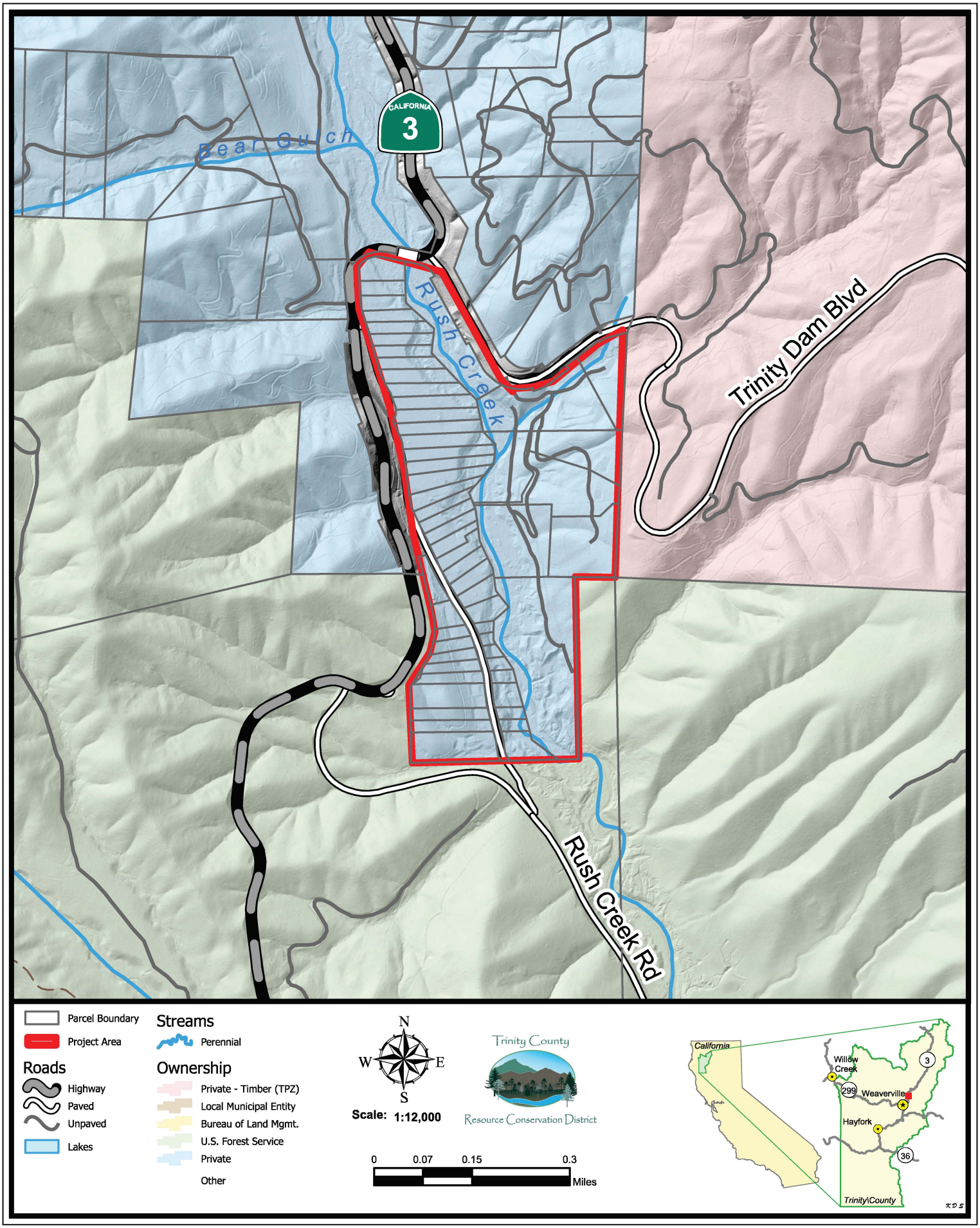
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