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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: TCU Lightning Complex: Disaster Debris and Hazard Tree Removal Operations

PROJECT PROPONENT: Tuolumne County Department of Public Works
2 S. Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370

LOCATION: The project is located in the community of Chinese Camp, California, situated in the general vicinity at coordinates 37°52'14.5"N, 120°26'01.6"W.

COUNTY: Tuolumne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will repair wildfire-damaged areas by removing debris and hazard trees to protect public health and support community recovery in Chinese Camp following the September 2, 2025 fires.

APPROVING AGENCY: Tuolumne County

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☑ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(2); 15269(d))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301)

RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION: After reviewing the project and its setting, the Environmental Coordinator for the County of Tuolumne has determined that the project is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15269(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the project would remove debris and hazard trees as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act.

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