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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: Tuolumne
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

From: (Public Agency): Tuolumne Utilities District
18885 Nugget Blvd
Sonora, CA 95370
(Address)

Project Title: TUD Ditch System Shaded Fuel Breaks

Project Applicant: Tuolumne Utilities District

Project Location - Specific:
Eureka - 38.0028°, -120.2234°; Columbia - 37.9908°, -120.3567°; Shaw's Flat - 38.0467°, -120.3355°

Project Location - City: Sonora Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project would implement fuels reduction work along 12 miles of TUD's ditch system and create a 50-foot shaded fuel break along both sides of the ditch to reduce wildfire risk to TUD's raw water supply. Project activities include cutting, shredding, chipping, or creating hand piles and burning all brush greater than 12 inches. The shaded fuel breaks are identified priority wildfire risk mitigation areas in TUD's recently adopted Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan (2025).

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tuolumne Utilities District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Don Perkins, General Manager

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Tuolumne County Clerk
By: Deputy

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: Class 4, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project involves minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Eric Hall, Operations Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-532-5536x524

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: 11/12/2025 Title: Operations 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:

Revised 2011

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
55 — 11/13/2025 — 038

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Tuolumne Utilities District		11/13/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Tuolumne	

PROJECT TITLE

TUD Ditch System Shaded Fuel Breaks

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Tuolumne Utilities District		(209) 532-5536X524

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
18885 Nugget Blvd.	Sonora	CA	95370

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☑ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$	0.00

☑ Exempt from fee
- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$	100.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☑ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 100.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Taryn Vanderpan Digitally signed by Taryn Vanderpan Date: 2025.11.13 15:43:14 -08'00'	Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Technician II

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

County of Tuolumne, CA

$103.98 Paid

Via Credit Card ending in 3424

Abby Parcon
November 13, 2025

Custom Payment	**$100.00**
FG-25-28 - Fish and Wildlife Receipting	
Administration Fee	$100.00
Processing fee $3.98	
Total paid	**$103.98**

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