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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: Trinity

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

Project Title: Trinity County Title III Firewise Noxious Weeds and Chipping - Junction City

Project Applicant: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Junction City, Trinity County, California (Project Map Attached)

Project Location - City: Junction City Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities in the form of roadside chipping and noxious weed removal on private properties within the community of Junction City, Trinity County, CA. This project comprises of multiple private ownerships that are an integral part of the District's landscape fuel reduction strategy and Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), aimed at protecting the community of Junction City from catastrophic wildfire events.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ 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 Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, 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: Kelly Sheen 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: 2025.12.24 12:32:52 -08'00' Date: 12/24/2025 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	Trinity County Title III Firewise Noxious Weeds and Chipping - Junction City		
PROJECT LOCATION	Junction City, Trinity County, California. T34N R11W S35, 36; T33N R11W S1, 2, 12; T33N R10W S7 (Humboldt Base and Meridian).	**COUNTY**	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
CONTACT ADDRESS	P.O Box 1450 Weaverville, CA 96093	**PHONE**	530-623-6004

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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This project comprises of multiple private ownerships that are an integral part of the District's landscape fuel reduction strategy and Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), aimed at protecting the community of Junction City from catastrophic wildfire events.

The District plans to implement approximately 30 acres of community chipping and approximately 10 acres manual noxious weed removal treatments for private landowners. The primary goal of this project is to continue support for Firewise Communities and reduce risk of catastrophic wildfires in priority CWPP areas. Our objectives include: reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, increasing water yields, and encouraging the return of native vegetation by reducing non-native invasive plants. This will be accomplished using towable chipping and hand-pulling of target noxious weeds (e.g., scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)) as the primary fuels reduction treatments. Private landowners will pile woody residue (e.g. branches, limbs, log pieces under 10" dbh) along roadways and driveways. Cut materials will bucked (if needed) and carried to the chipper then chipped and broadcasted on site. Any remaining material that cannot be chipped will be lop-and-scattered on site. Technicians will also identify noxious weeds and remove via hand tools. Weed residue will be hauled off-site and disposed. This project will help actively manage the land with no adverse impacts, creating a landscape that is more resilient and resistant to high intensity wildfires.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption — Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

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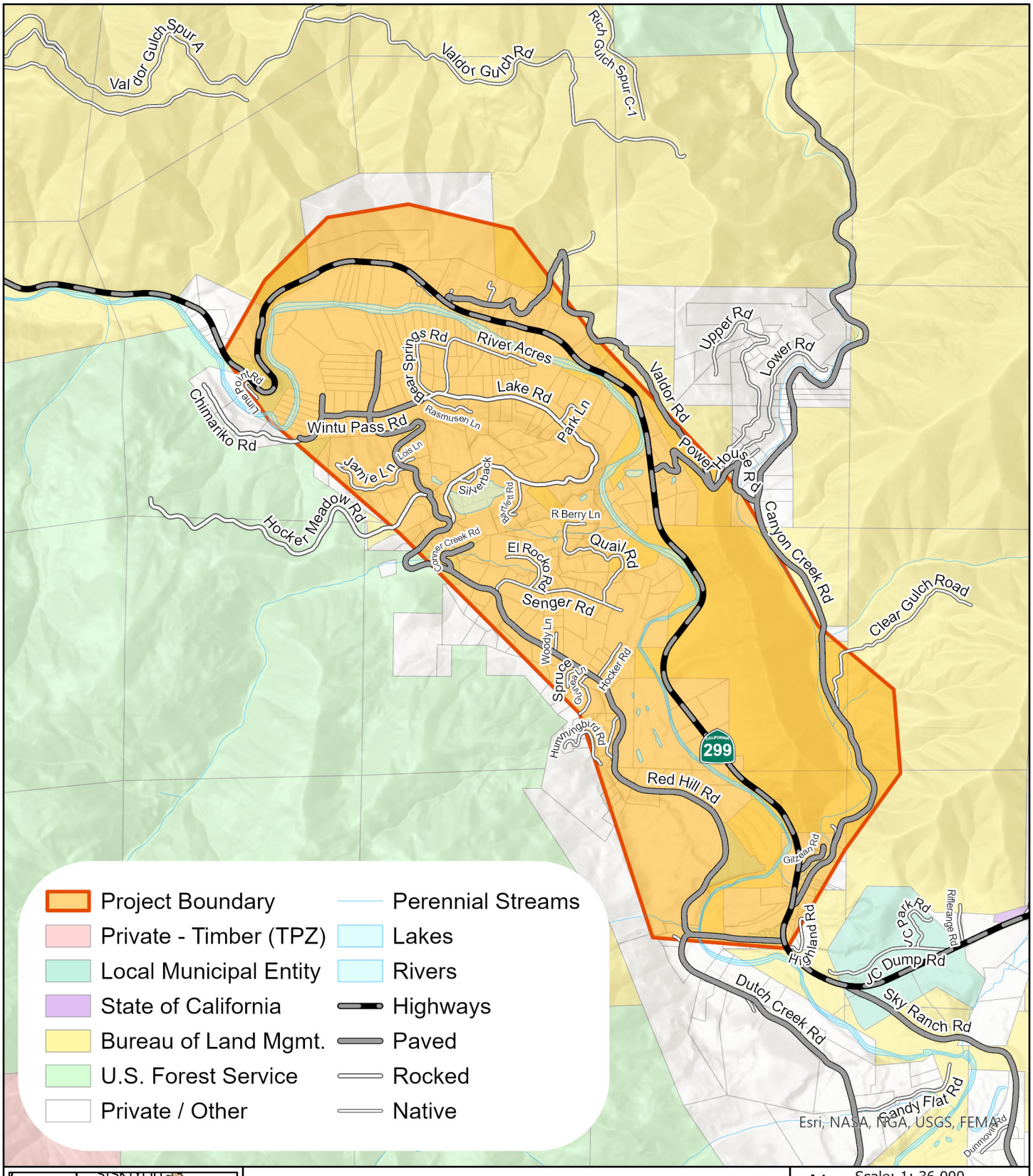
Executive Director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Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA
Project Boundary
Private - Timber (TPZ)
Local Municipal Entity
State of California
Bureau of Land Mgmt.
U.S. Forest Service
Private / Other
Perennial Streams
Lakes
Rivers
Highways
Paved
Rocked
Native
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TC Title III Noxious Weeds and Chipping
Junction City Proposed Project Area
December 2025; EA
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Scale: 1: 36,000
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0 0.4 0.8 Km
Trinity County
Resource Conservation District