Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Shasta County
1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96001

From:
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
6270 Parallel Road
Anderson, CA 96007

Project Title: SB901 25/26 Western Star #2 Mule Town Road Cemetery Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD)

Project Location - Specific: Mule Town Road Cemetery (Lat/Long: 40.5895710, -122.4878244). See Attachment A – Project Maps.

Project Location - City: unincorporated area **Project Location - County:** Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will implement fuels reduction on 3.5 acres at the Mule Town Road Cemetery in Shasta, CA. The project will benefit local communities by reducing wildfire risk. Project treatments will be implemented by the California Conservation Corps (CCC), Redding Center. The CCC will remove dead and dying vegetation and will thin out trees (<18 inches dbh), shrubs, brush and other vegetation overgrowth within the project area to achieve the objectives of reducing the intensity and spread of potential wildfires. Ladder fuels will be removed by limbing trees 8-10 feet from the ground and removing brush and other fuels so that tree canopies cannot sustain fire. Dense vegetation will be carefully thinned, creating horizontal separation between residual trees and shrubs. The CCC will accomplish this work using mechanical equipment and hand tools, including chippers, chainsaws, and loppers. Vegetation and woody debris generated from fuels reduction activities will be treated and disposed of through chipping and pile burning. Pile burns will be conducted in coordination with CAL FIRE and the City of Shasta during approved burn windows, in compliance with all air quality and fire safety requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Conservation Corps, Redding Center

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: §15304(i): Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: WSRCD has determined that the objectives of fuel reduction and the implementation activities as designed for this project will result in minor alterations to vegetation and land and therefore fit within the §15304 exemption. WSRCD has also determined that no exceptions exist which would preclude the use of this exemption, such as: (a) sensitive species or habitats, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant effects on the environment, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of any historical resource. Contact WSRCD to arrange viewing of the environmental review report.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Andrea Claassen Title: Project Specialist Telephone: (530) 365-7332

Signature: Date: 01/15/2026

☒ 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.

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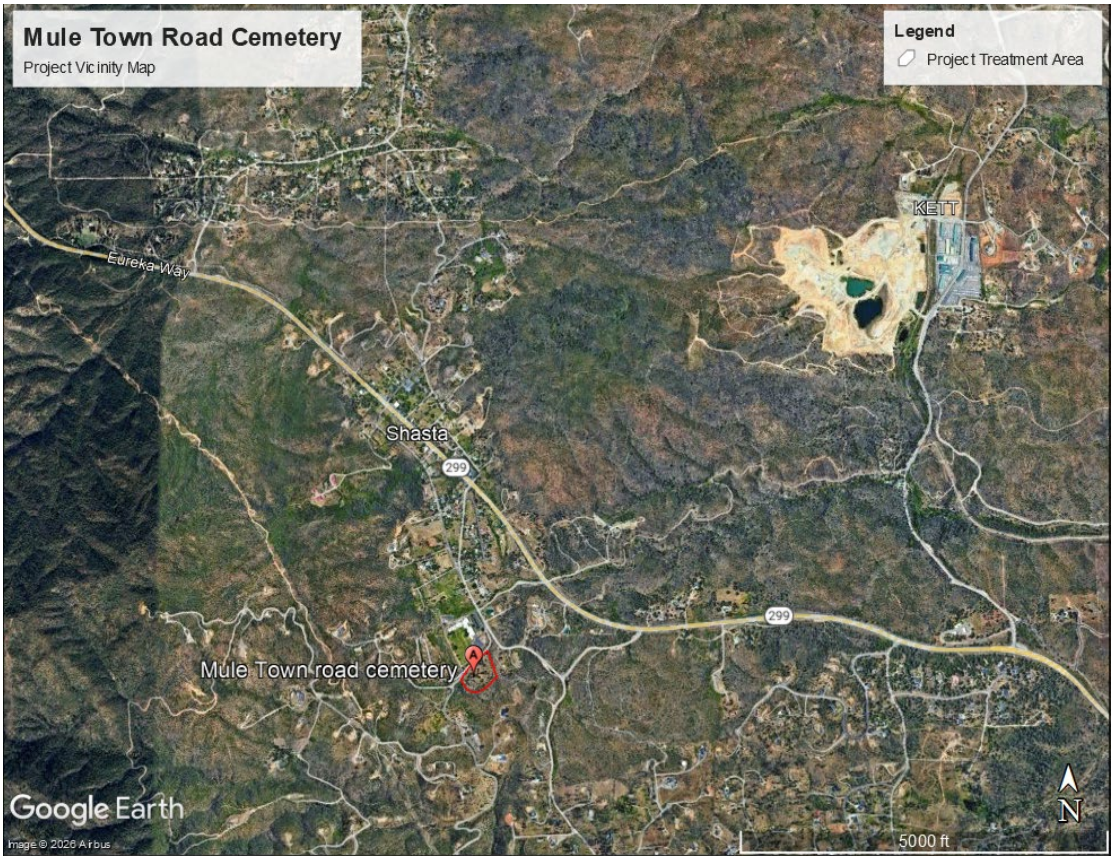
ATTACHMENT A – Project Maps