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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: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resource Control Board

(Address)

Project Title: Smith-Madrone Vineyards Revegetation

Project Applicant: Smith-Madrone Vineyards

Project Location - Specific:

38.5336128, -122.5417261

Project Location - City: St. Helena Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A hillside that burned in the 2020 Napa fires has converted to predominantly French broom, bare soil, and snags. In order to prevent further mass wasting and erosion, this project will remove invasive or hazardous vegetation and then revegetate to stabilize soil and discourage invasive regrowth. Beneficiaries include Smith-Madrone Vineyards, neighboring land managers, and others who depend on the health and stability of the Upper Napa River watershed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Land Stewardship Institute

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: Statutory Exemption Section 15333
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is five acres or less and ensures a positive impact for fish, plants and wildlife through its work to minimize mass wasting and erosion, improve biodiversity and habitat availability, and increase fire resilience.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jessica Leonard Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916)341-5980

If filed by applicant:

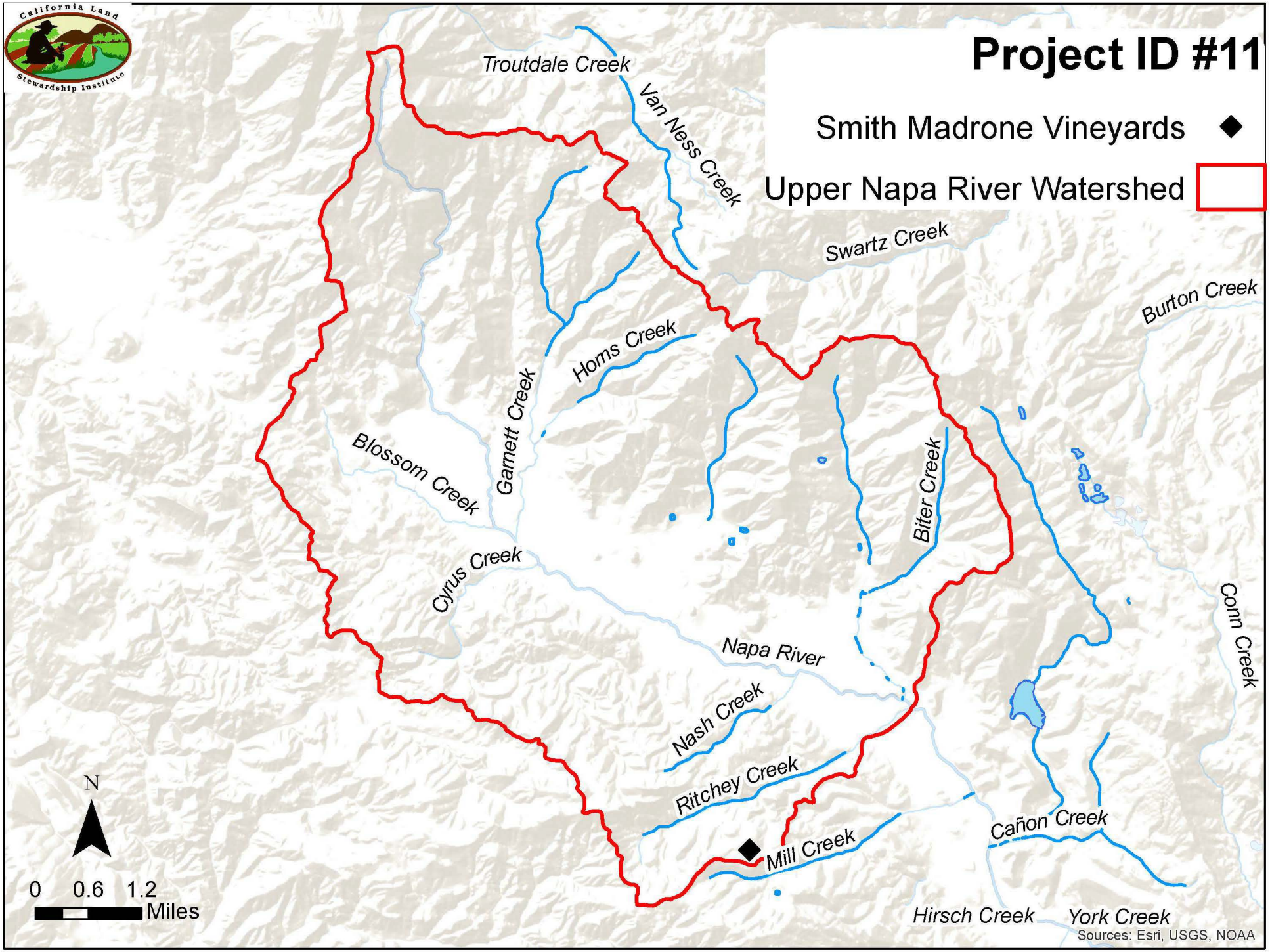
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Joe Karkoski Digitally signed by Joe Karkoski Date: 2025.12.11 06:59:34 -08'00' Date: _____ Title: Deputy 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: _____


Project ID #11
Smith Madrone Vineyards
Upper Napa River Watershed
Troutdale Creek
Van Ness Creek
Swartz Creek
Burton Creek
Horns Creek
Garnett Creek
Blossom Creek
Biter Creek
Cyrus Creek
Napa River
Conn Creek
Nash Creek
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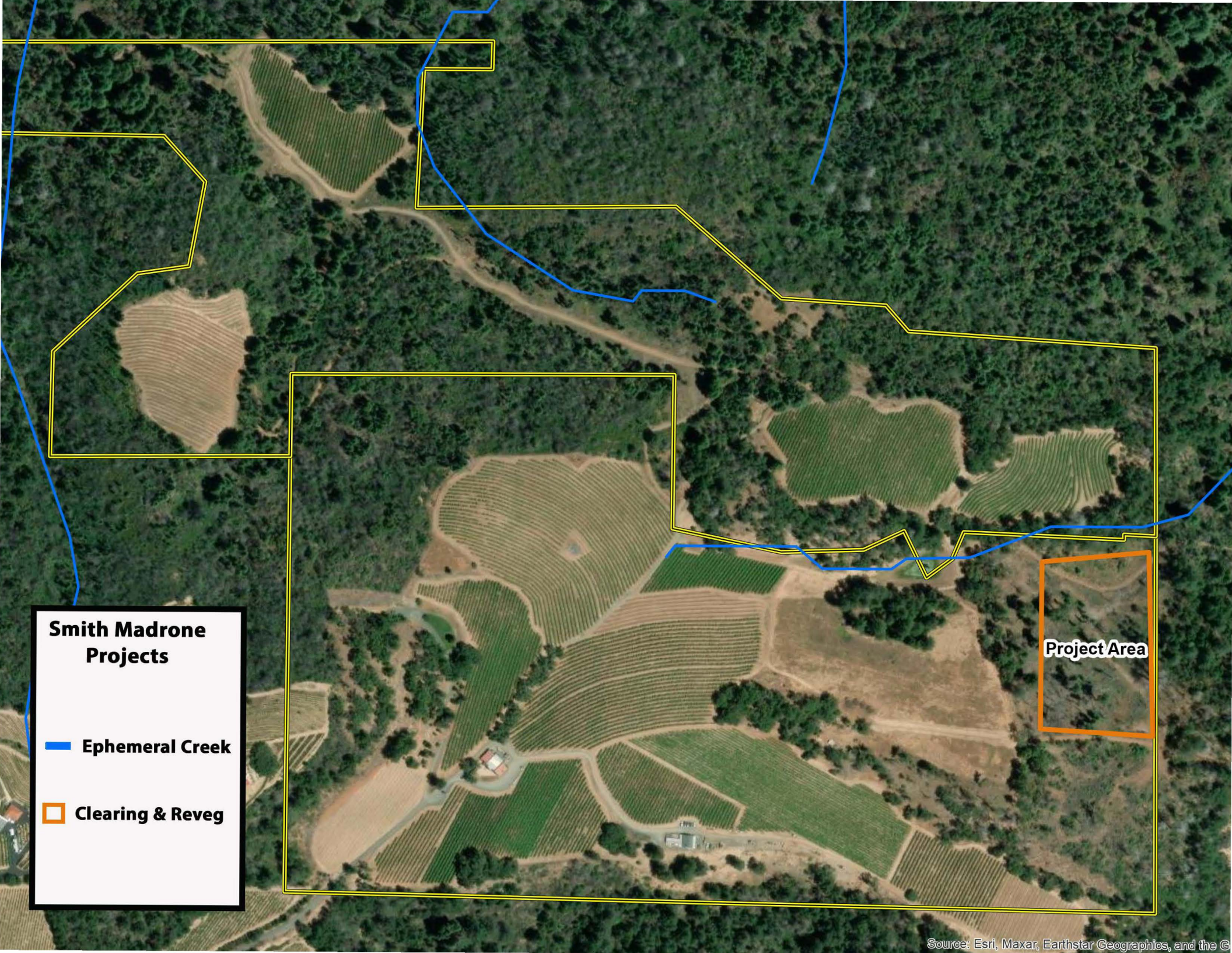
Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA


Smith Madrone Projects
Ephemeral Creek
Clearing & Reveg
Project Area
Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the G