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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: Mariposa
PO Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338

From: (Public Agency): Mariposa Resource Conservation District
PO Box 2403
Mariposa CA 95338
(Address)

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MARIPOSA COUNTY CLERK
Saundra Gonzales

Project Title: Stumpfield Mountain Fuel Break Maintenance

Project Applicant: Mariposa Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:
Stumpfield Mountain Road from SR 49 (37.43679, -119.79162) to the western boundar

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Mariposa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project maintains an existing shaded fuel break in a very high severity fire risk zone originally permitted and funded by CAL FIRE in 2019. Hand crews will remove dead and downed material and regrowth up to 10" diameter, and chip or remove slash. Mastication equipment will have rubber treads and remain on the road without disturbing the ground. Work will occur within the existing 192 acre fuel break footprint. A Tribal monitor from the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation will be on call during this project to protect known archeological sites. Maintaining this fuel break is critical for resident ingress/egress and firefighter access and staging to fight wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mariposa Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mariposa Fire Safe Council

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: Section 15304(b) - Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project consists of minor public and private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. It is maintenance of an existing shaded fuel break. No new access routes or staging areas will be constructed.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Melinda Barrett Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-580-0944

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: Date: 3/17/2026 Title: President of the Board

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: _____

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22 — 03/17/2026 — 007

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Mariposa Resource Conservation District	Barrett.melinda@gmail.com	03/17/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Mariposa	

PROJECT TITLE

Stumpfield Mountain Fuel Break Maintenance

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Melinda Barrett	barrett.melinda@gmail.com	(559) 580-0944

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PO Box 2403	Mariposa	CA	95338

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$	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		$	50.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☑ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Saundra Gonz	Saundra Gonzales, Assistant County Clerk, County of Mariposa

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012026)

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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental document filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars ($50) per filing in addition to the environmental document filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental document filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail environmental document filing fee for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental document filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall submit the documents below to CDFW on a monthly basis by mail or CDFW's File Transfer Portal (see below):

A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
CDFW/ASB copies of all cash environmental document filing fee cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
A copy of all NODs and NOEs filed with the county during the preceding month
A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD and NOE has been filed. If this information is contained on the environmental document filing fee cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain a copy of the environmental document filing fee cash receipt and all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

For access to CDFW's File Transfer Portal, submit email to CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov (Subject line: [County name] FTP account).

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090