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AIMEE X. ESPINOZA  
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Fire Department

PROJECT TITLE Kern County Prescribed Grazing Project

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PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Fire Department

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PHONE NUMBER (661) 391-7000

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 5642 Victor St.

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93308

WORK ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_  30-Day Posting  35-Day Posting  45-Day Posting  Other \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON Ethan Kennedy PHONE NUMBER (661) 330-0140

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Availability.....No Fee
- Notice of Intent.....No Fee
- Notice of Preparation.....No Fee
- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other \_\_\_\_\_.....No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$4227.50
  - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
  - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$3043.75
  - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
  - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ 50

\*Additional copies to be returned to: Ethan Kennedy 5642 Victor St. Bakersfield CA 93308  
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PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

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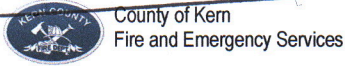
- JV - Ledger Account 6050 Cost Center 168666 Fund 1017 FD Spend Category 1155SC
- Money Order
- Check

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Notice of Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 03/24/2024  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Kern County Prescribed Grazing Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Classified Fire Hazard Severity Zones in SRA and LRA areas of Kern County	<b>COUNTY</b>	Kern
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Kern County Fire Department		
<b>CONTACT</b>	Ethan Kennedy	<b>PHONE</b>	(661) 330-0140
<b>ADDRESS</b>	5642 Victor St Bakersfield, CA 93240		

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to address the risks associated with accumulated hazardous fuels and noxious weeds within classified fire hazard severity zones in Kern County. This initiative aims to strategically reduce fuel loads in all areas classified under fire hazard severity zones, thereby enhancing public safety, protecting property, and promoting ecological resilience.

The project will cover all classified fire hazard severity zones in Kern County, including urban-wildland interfaces and rural communities. Grazing will be implemented using cattle, sheep, and/or goats, depending on site-specific vegetation types and management goals. Grazing periods and stocking rates will be carefully planned to maximize reduction of fine fuels while minimizing impacts to soil and native plant communities.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

Categorical Exemption Type and Section:

General Rule, Section 15061(b)(2) & (b)(3) and Categorically Exempt, Section 15304

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- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

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BY *M. Adams* DEPUTY

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Section 15061 (b)(2) states "The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2." The Kern County Fire Department states that Categorical Exemption 15304, otherwise referred to as Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, applies for this project.

Section 15061(b)(3) states "The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." No permanent infrastructure is being installed, the area has historic grazing activities, and the annual grasses grow vigorously during each growing season (winter months). There will be no permanent changes to the landscape.

Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, "consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes." Cattle and sheep will target the invasive annual grasses during their growing season to a targeted level around 800 lbs/acre, leaving dry matter for soil stabilization with substantial fuel reduction. The grazing will target invasive annual grasslands and native plants will not be detrimentally affected.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

*A. Duncan* 3/24/26  
Aaron Duncan, Fire Chief Date  
Kern County Fire Department

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753 5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753 5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER.  
 15 — 03242026 — 15152465  
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LEAD AGENCY <b>KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>3/24/2026</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Kern</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>26832</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
**KERN COUNTY PRESCRIBED GRAZING PROJECT**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(661) 391-7000</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>5642 VICTOR ST</b>	CITY <b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93308</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- |   |            |    |                   |
|---|------------|----|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,227.50 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$3,043.75 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,437.25 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <br>  |            |    |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee  |            |    |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |                   |
| <br>  |            |    |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |            | \$ | <u>50.00</u>      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other   |            | \$ | <u>          </u> |

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- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other   
 TOTAL RECEIVED   
 \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>M. CEDENO, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS</b>
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