

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): County of Calaveras
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(Address)

Project Title: Lily Gap Vegetative Maintenance, Unit 1

Project Applicant: Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services (OES)

Project Location - Specific:
Pts. of Sec. 24,25,26, & 36 T7N R13E MDBM & Pts. of Sec. 30 T7N R14E MDBM.

Project Location - City: West Point Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
There are two contiguous landscape-scale shaded fuel breaks on land managed by BLM at Lily Gap. Unit 1 covers 157 acres and was completed in July 2013. Unit 2 covers 200 acres and was completed in April 2017. Brush regeneration and tree mortality have compromised the functionality of the original Shaded Fuel Breaks. The purpose of this maintenance project is to employ mechanical masticators to treat the understory vegetation to restore the functionality of the Shaded Fuel Break of Unit 1 which is approximately 161 acres. To extend the maintenance free period, herbicide will be applied to undesirable regenerating vegetation. The maintenance treatment for Unit 2 will follow.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Calaveras

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services (OES)

- 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 Exemptions. State code number: 4799.05 (d)

Reasons why project is exempt:
Public Resources Code § 4799.05(d) exempts from CEQA prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel reduction projects, and related activities included in the project description, undertaken on federal lands in order to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, if the activity has been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and a local agency is undertaking the project pursuant to the federal Good Neighbor Authority (Public Law 113-79) or a stewardship agreement with the federal government entered into pursuant to Public Law 113-79, or the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for the project. This project is a fuel reduction project on federal lands undertaken to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire. It is funded by a Sierra Nevada Conservancy (a state agency) grant and administered by Calaveras County. The federal Bureau of Land Management Mother Lode Field office completed NEPA review of this project. The Decision Record (DR) was signed on 5-Aug-25. These NEPA documents are available online at https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-uj/project/2039399/510. This project is therefore statutorily exempt pursuant to PRC § 4799.05(d).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Erik Holt Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209)754-6676

- 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: [Signature] Date: 8/25/2025 Title: Director of Emergency Services

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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Rebecca Turner, County Clerk-Recorder
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