

COUNTY RECORDER
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Yolo County Resource Conservation District
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Yolo County - Clerk-Recorder

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Notice of Exemption

To:

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder
625 Court Street, Room B-01
Woodland, CA 95695

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
meyer@yolorcd.org

Project Title: Front Country Fire Break – North 1.5 Mile

Project Location – Specific: Parcels: 060270018, 060270019, 060260007, 018290010

Project Location – Rumsey, CA

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project:

The Front Country Fuel Break starts in Rumsey, CA and follows the base of the Inner Coast Range extending the north-south length of Yolo County and ending near west Winters, CA. Historically, the fuel break was implemented during wildfire events, most recently the LNU Complex (2020) and the County Fire (2018) to stop or slow wildfire approaching from the north and east. It serves as an access point for firefighters and a break in fuels to slow the spread of fire that would impact the Capay Valley, Winters, and western Yolo County.

Yearly maintenance of the Front Country Fuel Break was proposed by CAL FIRE and included as a project in the Yolo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The entire ~29-mile fuel break crosses through private property, including Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation tribal lands and California Audubon's Bobcat Ranch. To start the fuel break, Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is partnered with Capay Valley Fire Protection District to map the project, engage landowners, conduct biological and botanical surveys and contract with CAL FIRE or a qualified licensed dozer operator to blade the first mile of the fuel break.

The first mile of the fuel break largely follows the path of old Highway 16 and is intermittently paved, but overgrown with invasive grasses and other weeds. Implementation of the fuel break would include 10-15 feet of blading of vegetation by a dozer to remove 100% of groundcover to bare soil/pavement. The fuel break footprint does not contain any shrubs or trees, except for one blue elderberry along a fence line that will have a 50-foot no-disturbance buffer from the dripline. Dozer operations will be overseen by Yolo County RCD and implemented by CAL FIRE's Licensed Dozer Operator or another qualified professional dozer subcontractor to the RCD. An intermittent stream was identified to intersect with the fuel break footprint. The RCD has identified a route for the dozer

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to travel adjacent to the stream outside of a 50-foot no disturbance buffer towards Highway 16 where the stream crosses beneath the highway. The dozer will then continue the fuel break by using a landowner's driveway to re-access the footprint (see attached map for intermittent stream avoidance route).

Yolo County RCD conducted a desktop review of the first one-mile footprint using the California Native Diversity Database (CNDDDB), iNaturalist, and Calflora to determine potential biologic and botanical resources. The draft extent of the entire fuel break footprint was submitted via a Native American Heritage Commission Records request and further consultation on the one-mile footprint has occurred with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's Cultural Department. An RCD California Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) qualified biologist has walked the first mile of the fuel break and found no resources of concern; the project's footprint largely consists of invasive grasses and other non-native species. If work commences during nesting season, an RCD CDFW qualified biologist will survey the entire 1-mile project area for nesting birds or other protected species not less than three (3) days prior to work and will make any necessary adjustments to project implementation plans. After nesting season, surveys will occur a week before work starts.

This fire break will be used for emergency access and/or burning-out operations to stop the spread of fires at the base of the foothills to prevent fire from crossing west into adjoining counties, or east into the Capay Valley.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

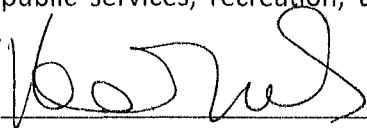
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CAL FIRE

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land CEQA Guidelines § 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

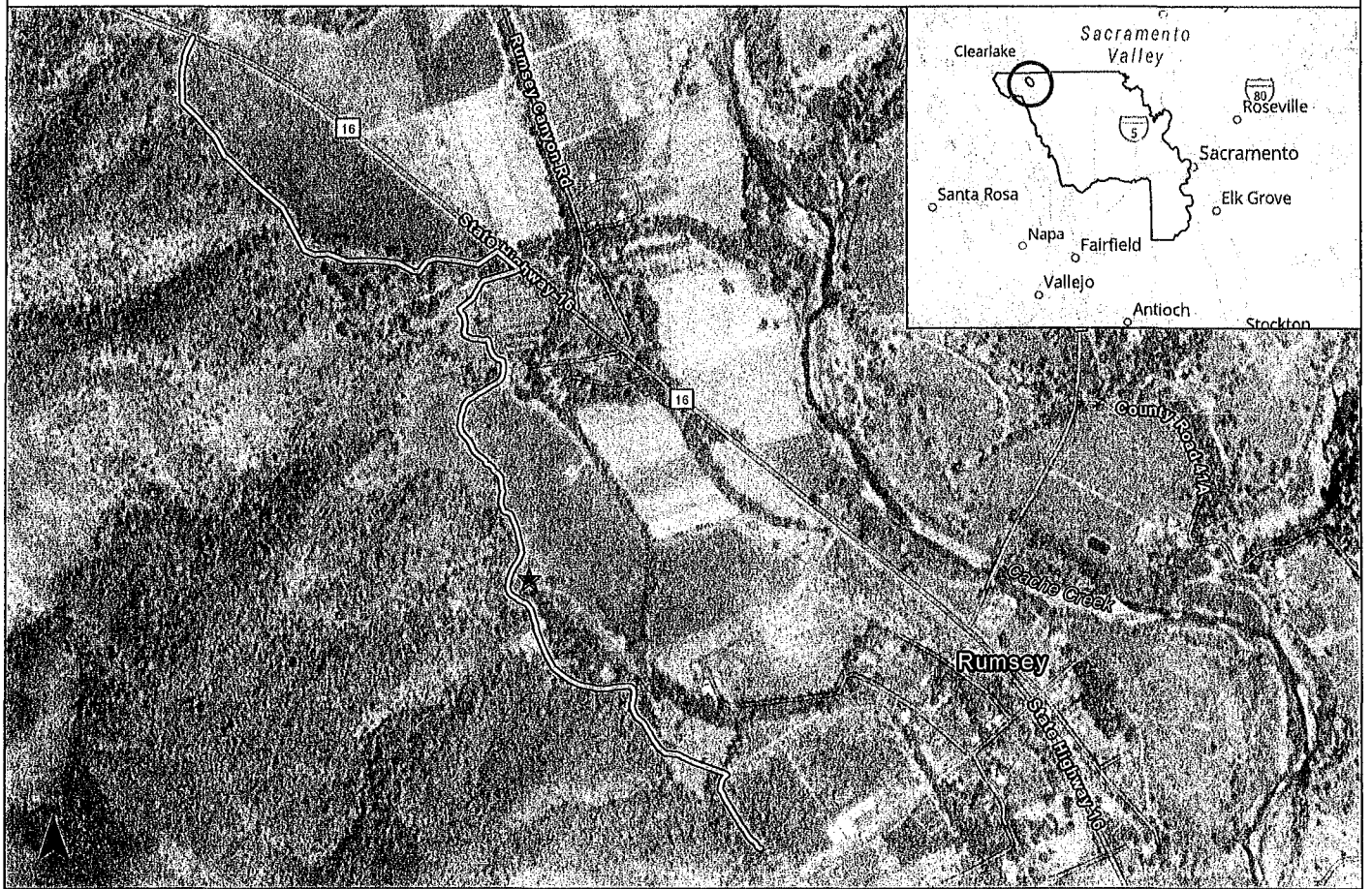
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildlife.

Signature (Lead Agency): 
Name/Title: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Date: 5/18/2026
Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

Front Country Fuel Break - North



- Fuel break (1.52 miles)
- ★ Protected elderberry (req. 50-ft buffer)

0 0.13 0.25 0.5 Miles





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	DATE 05/19/2026
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☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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

☒ 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 \$ _____

☒ County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00

☐ Other \$ _____

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☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

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TOTAL AMOUNT: \$50.00
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Thank you

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