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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: Social and Ecological Resiliency Across the Landscape (SERAL)

PROJECT PROPONENT: County of Tuolumne, 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 209-533-5633

LOCATION: Unincorporated Tuolumne County

COUNTY: Tuolumne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SERAL project is federal project addressing fuel reduction on public and private lands in Tuolumne County. The private lands within the approximately 118,000 acre project area will be surveyed prior to fuel reduction activities by contractors who will work to restore forest resilience and sequester greenhouse gases within the Tuolumne and Stanislaus River Watersheds. Contractors will execute the project by using mechanical thinning, mastication, hand work, chipping, prescribed fire, and biomass utilization processes, along with reforestation in certain areas as necessary.

Contractors will work in distinct project areas with a specific scope of work that includes the best management practices for that area. Project areas will be treated simultaneously over a five-year period. Some treatment areas will be visible from public right of ways, however there are no designated scenic highways/roads within Tuolumne County. Biological and cultural resource surveys will be conducted prior to project implementation on each area and sensitive areas, such as streams or wetlands, will be flagged for avoidance by contractors completing the fuel reduction work.

The purpose of the project is to reduce accumulated fuels and shift vegetation structure and composition in the forest to improve alignment with their natural range in variation (NVR). A forested landscape aligned with its NRV is more resilient to many potential disturbances, such as large-scale high severity fire, insects, disease, drought, and climate change.

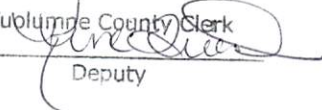
APPROVING AGENCY: County of Tuolumne

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 (Sec. 15304)

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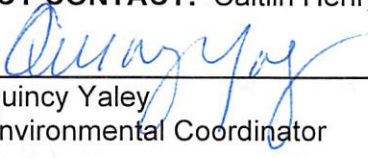
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Tuolumne County Clerk
By  Deputy

RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION: After reviewing the project and its setting, the Environmental Coordinator for the County of Tuolumne has determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* because the project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The SERAL project consists of minor land alterations involving the thinning, removal of surface vegetation for forestry purposes (improved forest health and fire risk reduction) which will not result in significant adverse

impacts. None of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found in Section 15300.2 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* apply to this project.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT: Caitlin Henry, Administrative Analyst **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (209) 533-5561

Signature: 
Quincy Yaley
Environmental Coordinator

Date: 11/14/2023



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY

County of Tuolumne

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

11/14/2023

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Tuolumne

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Social and Ecological Resiliency Across the Landscape (SERAL)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

County of Tuolumne

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

2 South Green Street

CITY

Sonora

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

95370

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$	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

X

Jay Vanderpan

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Technician II



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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental 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 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 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 cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees 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. Please 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 filing fee is due)*.

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

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

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental 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 mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all 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 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 has been filed. If this information is contained on the 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 two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of 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.

Mail to:

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



County of Tuolumne, CA

\$52.49 Paid

via Credit Card ending in 1997

Thanks for using the Online Service Center

Caitlin Henry
Fish and Wildlife Receipting #FG-23-4
November 14, 2023

Administration Fee	\$50.00
Processing Fee	\$2.49
Total Paid	\$52.49



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