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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape 2.0 (SERAL 2.0)

PROJECT PROPONENT: County of Tuolumne
2 S Green St.
Sonora, CA 95370

LOCATION: Stanislaus National Forest, Located primarily to the north of Tuolumne River, west of Clavey River, south-southeast of Highway 108. Another area is located north between the N. Fork and Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

COUNTY: Tuolumne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SERAL 2.0 project encompasses 118,282 acres with the goal of restoring forest health, sequestering greenhouse gases within the Tuolumne Watershed, increasing landscape resilience to natural disturbances, supporting local economic opportunities, and reducing the spread of invasive non-native plants. Planned treatments include prescribed and managed fire, hand thinning, mastication, mechanical thinning, invasive weed control, and limited salvage operations. These actions are designed to restore forest resilience and strengthen the landscape's capacity to function with fire as a natural ecological process. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuel accumulations and shift vegetation structure and composition toward conditions that are more consistent with their natural range of variation (NRV). A forest more aligned with its NRV is better able to adapt to and withstand disturbances such as large-scale high-severity fire, insect outbreaks, disease, drought, and the impacts of climate change.

APPROVING AGENCY: Tuolumne County

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Tuolumne County Clerk
By _____ Deputy

EXEMPT STATUS (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21083, 21084; 15303(d))
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- X Exemption (Sec.21083, 21084; 15303(d), 15304(a); 15304(b)): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION: CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under three NEPA Decisions: Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape 2.0 Another Step in Collaboratively Moving Toward Resilience in the Stanislaus Landscape–Record of Decision ("SERAL 2.0 ROD 1") signed on 7/31/2024, Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape 2.0 Forest Thinning in California Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers–SERAL 2.0 Record of Decision-2 ("SERAL 2.0 ROD-2") signed on January 15, 2025, and Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape 2.0 Disturbance Response and Maintaining Investments–SERAL 2.0 Record of Decision 3 (SERAL 2.0 ROD-3) signed 6/13/2025.

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** 9/8/25
Roger Root, Environmental Coordinator

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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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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County of Tuolumne		07/07/2026

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
County of Tuolumne		(209) 533-5561

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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		$	
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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