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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE: Community Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP)
Home Hardening Project

PROJECT PROPONENT: County Of Tuolumne
2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

LOCATION: Ponderosa Hills/Mira Monte Subdivision

COUNTY: Tuolumne

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project supports wildfire-resilience efforts in Tuolumne County through outreach, home-hardening activities, defensible-space evaluations, and assistance on private lands within the Ponderosa Hills/Mira Monte Subdivision. The project is intended to reduce wildfire risk and improve community preparedness by assisting property owners in reducing hazardous vegetation and establishing or enhancing defensible space in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4291.

APPROVING AGENCY: County Of Tuolumne

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Tuolumne County Clerk
By _____ Deputy

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. 15315)
- ☑ Statutory Exemption (Public Resources Code § 21080.49(c))

RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION: The Community Development Department has determined that the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.49(c). Section 21080.49(c) provides that CEQA does not apply to a project consisting of the establishment or enhancement of residential home hardening or defensible space for wildfire risk reduction within 200 feet of a legal structure located in a high or very high wildfire hazard zone.

The proposed project consists of home hardening and defensible space activities on private properties within the Ponderosa Hills/Mira Monte Subdivision. Activities may include hand thinning, chipping, and removal of small-diameter understory trees, brush, and other hazardous vegetation adjacent to legal structures to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, reduce wildfire intensity and severity near developed areas, and assist properties in meeting applicable defensible-space requirements.

Project activities will occur within 200 feet of legal structures located within a high or very high wildfire hazard zone and are intended specifically for wildfire risk reduction. Accordingly, the project meets the requirements of the statutory exemption established by Public Resources Code Section 21080.49(c).

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT: David Salzer **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (209) 533-5633

Signature: Tamera Blankenship Digitally signed by Tamera Blankenship DN: cn=Tamera Blankenship, c=US, o=Tuolumne County Transportation Council, email=tblankenship@co.tuolumne.ca.us Date: 2026.08.31 14:36:17 -07'00'

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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PROJECT TITLE

Community Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Home Hardening Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
County of Tuolumne		( )

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2 S. Green St.	Sonora	CA	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)	$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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