

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: Mariposa
P.O. Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338

From: Mariposa County Resource
Conservation District
P.O. Box 2403
Mariposa, CA 95338

Project Title: Big Rock Property Meadow Restoration
Cultural Revitalization

and

Project Applicant: Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation aka American Indian Council of Mariposa County

Project Location - Specific: Mariposa County, Carleton Road, APN: 014-140-099

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Project Location - City: Bootjack Project Location - County: Mariposa

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MARIPOSA COUNTY CLERK

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of hosting cultural burn training events at the "Big Rock" property recently acquired by Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation in an effort to support the continuation of Indigenous beneficial fire practices and traditional land management. These activities will rely on low-impact firing and thinning operations as part of responsible wildfire mitigation maintenance, cultural land stewardship, tribal agriculture and education. The proposed activities will be implemented by Tribal hand crews conducting hand-tool fuel treatments, small pile burns, manual thinning of encroaching conifers <5" dbh and competing vegetation, removal of noxious weeds and low-intensity broadcast burning in open meadow areas. Burn operations will be led by a Cultural Practitioner and will only take place on permissive burn days as determined and permitted by CalFire in cooperation with the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District. The Project will implement traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) to apply traditional indigenous burning techniques for the revitalization of culturally significant plant species. Cultural burn trainings will be timed to occur in the fall and/or winter, when high-moisture conditions are conducive to low-intensity beneficial fire, and specific weather patterns (including wind speed/direction, temperature, and humidity) will be closely monitored before determining a specific day to conduct burning activities. Anticipated benefits of these treatments include increased native plant biodiversity, improved wildlife habitat, and better quality and abundance of indigenous foods/fibers/medicines.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SSMN/AICMC

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: Section 15304(b) - Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Class 4 exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Melinda BarrettArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (559)580-0944

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 ☐ NoSignature: Paul S. Mochi Date: 9/17/26 Title: President of the Board

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Mariposa County Resource Conservation District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL melindabarrettmcrd@gmail.com	DATE 09/18/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Mariposa	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
PROJECT TITLE		

Big Rock Property Meadow Restoration Cultural Revitalization

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL melindabarrettmcrd@gmail.com	PHONE NUMBER (559) 580-0944
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO Box 2403	CITY Mariposa	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 95338	
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)	\$860.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Brian Watson, Deputy County Clerk