

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): 113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley CA 95945

County Clerk

County of: Nevada County

(Address)

Project Title: Grass Valley Collaborative Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Nevada County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

39.231881, -121.085051

Project Location - City: Grass Valley

Project Location - County: Nevada County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to implement a variety of vegetation management and fuels reduction treatments within the Wildflower Ridge Preserve to improve forest health, promote native species, eradicate invasive species, and establish a strategic fuel break. Treatment methods may vary based on site conditions, vegetation composition, ecological objectives, and available funding.

These efforts are intended to reduce hazardous fuel loading, improve the ecological resilience of the preserve, and interrupt the continuity of combustible vegetation to help limit the spread of wildfire during a catastrophic fire event. The project may include future or supplemental treatments if additional funding opportunities become available during the term of this Agreement, subject to coordination with Bear Yuba Land Trust.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nevada County Resource Conservation District

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: Class 4 - 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land 15304, because it consists of minor alterations to the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Activities are limited to understory thinning of small-diameter trees and brush, pruning to reduce ladder fuels, hand cut/ hand pile, pile burning, broadcast burning, and chipping or scattering of biomass resulting in no substantial change to the existing function of the land, no significant erosion or sedimentation, and no take of endangered, rare, or threatened species.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nathan Alcorn

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 309-368-7575

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 No

Signature: 

Date: 10/13/26

Title: Executive Director

■ 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: _____