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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: Trinity

From: (Public Agency): Trinity County Resource Conservation District
30 Horseshoe Lane
Weaverville, CA, 96093
(Address)

Project Title: Grapevine Fuels NOE

Project Applicant: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
Hyampom, Trinity County, CA (Project Map Attached)

Project Location - City: Hyampom Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) will implement fuels reduction activities on approximately 52 Acres private lands near Hyampom, CA. This project comprises part of the Watershed Research and Training Center's landscape treatment effort in Hyampom; a community which has been impacted by numerous high severity wildfires in the last 25 years. Treatment types include manual thinning, chipping, hand-piling and burning, and mastication.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Watershed Resource and Training Center

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 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ethan Fagan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-623-6004

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: 11/2/2026 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:

Notice of Exemption

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Grapevine Fuels NOE		
PROJECT LOCATION	Hyampom, California. Portions of Sections 19,20, 30; T4N, R06E; H.B&M.	**COUNTY**	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
CONTACT	Ethan Fagan	**PHONE**	530-623-6004
ADDRESS	P.O Box 1450. Weaverville. CA 96093		

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Treatment types include manual thinning, chipping, hand-piling and burning, and mastication. These actions will treat live and dead shrubs and small trees up to 12" in diameter. These treatments will alter fuel loading and reduce fire behavior along a public ingress/egress route and strategic landscape features, as well as providing defensible space to residents. They will also serve to improve forest health in a young post-fire system by reducing competition and fire risk, and increasing residual tree vigor.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption — Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
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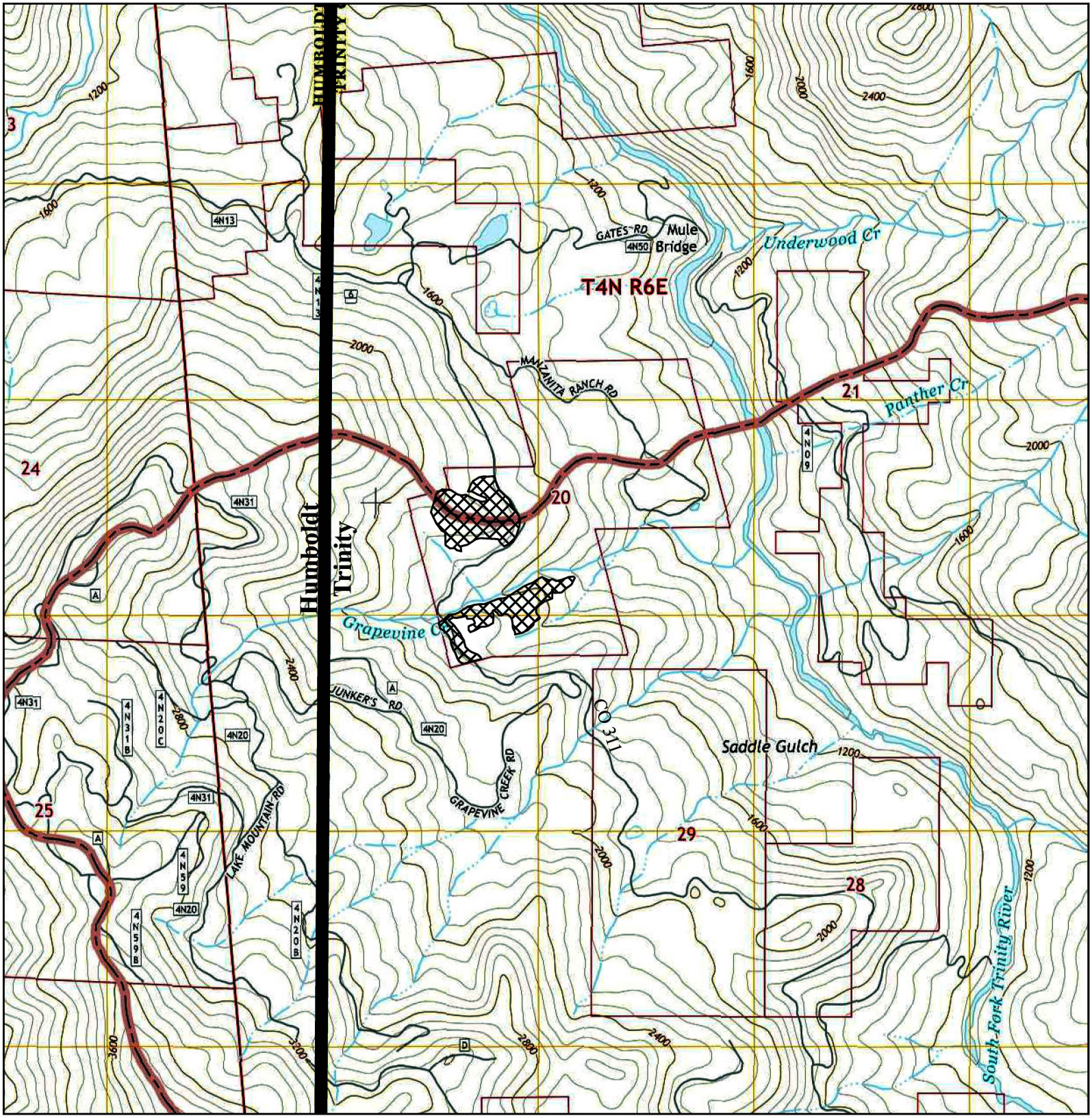
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Kelly Sheen
District Manager



Grapevine Fuels NOE Location Map

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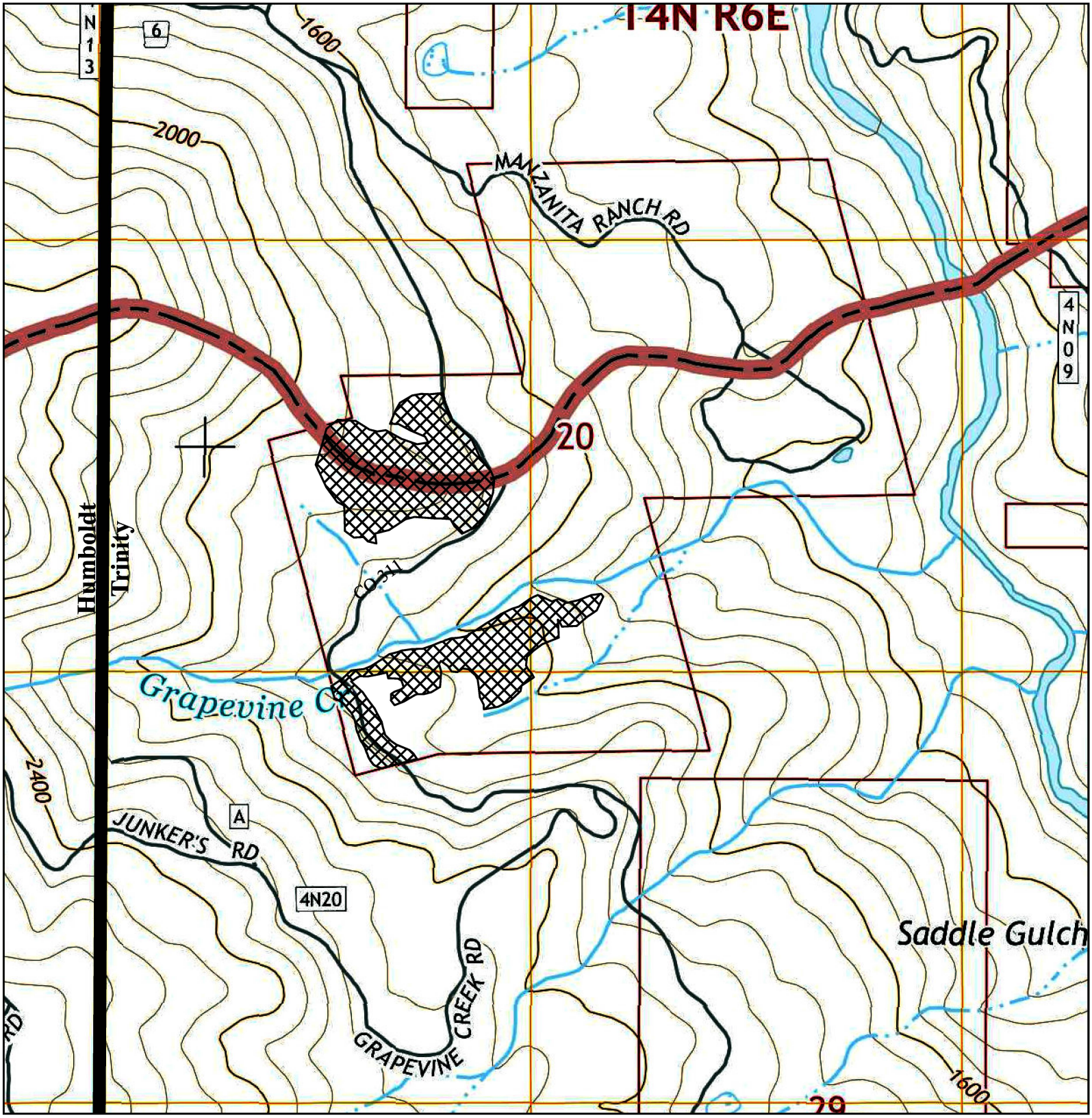
Project Boundary

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Scale: 1:24,000

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Grapevine Fuels NOE Detail Map

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Project Boundary

Scale: 1:12,000

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