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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: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 10

E. Charter Way, Stockton, CA, 95205
(Address)

Project Title: Wildfire Adaptation Fuel Reduction Vegetation & Tree Removal Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:

Caltrans District 10, Amador County, Route 88, Post Miles 38.1-39.8 & 41.9-45.5

Project Location - City: Eldorado National Forest Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Fuel reduction activities would improve fire resilience, ecological function, and public safety in high fire severity zones within Caltrans easement on USFS land by: Remove and dispose of invasive species, and dead, dying and diseased vegetation; Remove conifers less than 10 inches DBH, and hardwoods less than 8 inches DBH; Prune limbs of remaining trees to 8 feet; Remove or treat cut material through chipping, grinding, mastication, or lopping. Treated material would be spread to a depth of 4 inches to support erosion control with excess material removed off-site. All pruning would be in accordance with ANSI 300 standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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, 14 CCR 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Fuel reduction activities shall be conducted within the Caltrans easement on USFS land within 100 feet of the highway in high fire severity zones. Project designed with consultation with CDFW & USFS to avoid take and other impacts to sensitive resources consistent with CEQA & NEPA, including measures to prevent erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Cultural and tribal consultation is on-going with avoidance, minimization, and monitoring measures included to avoid impacts to any cultural or tribal resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kristen Stubblefield Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209.986.9499

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: Kristen Stubblefield Date: 11.13.26 Title: Senior Env Scientist

▪ 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: _____