

# Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019012052

**Project Title:** Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project

**Project Location:** San Bernardino County

**Project Description:** The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project. The Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project entails implementation of vegetation treatments on up to 196 acres of land in San Bernardino County, 4.9 miles south of Big Bear Lake, CA. The proposed treatment types (wildland-urban interface fuel reduction, fuel break and ecological restoration) and treatment activities (manual treatments and mechanical treatments) are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR. Maintenance treatments would involve the same vegetation treatment types and activities used in the initial treatments.

CAL FIRE is the lead agency under CEQA for the Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project PSA and Addendum because CAL FIRE is providing funding to Long Beach Area Council (LBAC) to implement treatments within the project area. Agencies relying upon the Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project PSA and Addendum for future discretionary approvals would be responsible for adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) and ensuring proper implementation of Standard Project Requirements and mitigation measures relevant to their approval and within their jurisdiction.

The project has been designed to avoid type conversion in areas where chaparral is present. Coastal sage scrub plant communities are not present within the project area. In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4483, CAL FIRE concludes that the grant-funded activities will not result in type conversion of chaparral or coastal sage scrub vegetation.

This is to advise that CAL FIRE ( Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on 7/29/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project: Date

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Program Environmental Impact Report (CalVTP Program EIR) was previously prepared (SCH# 2019012052) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. A Project Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum was prepared for the Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project. This analysis determined the project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR and consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2).
4. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.

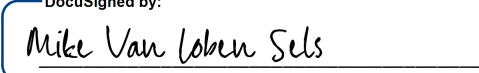
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Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by CAL FIRE.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Camp Tahquitz Fuel Break and Wildfire Prevention Project PSA and Addendum and record of project approval for the CalVTP Program EIR are available to the public on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection webpage with the environmental documentation associated with individual approved CalVTP projects:  
<https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp-homepage-and-storymap/> .

**Signature:**   
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Date: 7/29/2025