

**Notice of Determination**

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**From:** Humboldt County Resource Conservation District  
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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:** Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project

**Project Location:** The project is located near the community of Whitethorn in Humboldt County, California.


**Project Applicant:** Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

**Project Description:** The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA/Addendum) for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The proposed project is intended to safeguard the rural community of Whitethorn from wind-driven wildfires by establishing ridgetop shaded fuel breaks to reduce the amount and continuity of hazardous fuels. The Project proposes up to 597 acres of vegetation treatments, including mechanical treatment, manual treatment, prescribed fire (pile burn, broadcast burn), and limited herbicide treatment. The Project would be implemented on private timberlands

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the HCRCD (CEQA Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on February 12, 2026 and has made the following determinations related to the PSA/Addendum:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project PSA/Addendum (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project PSA and Addendum to the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report complies with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines, including Section 15168 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding later activities within the scope of a program EIR, and the use of an addendum for minor changes that do not result in a new significant effect or substantial increase in severity of a previously identified significant effect, in accordance with Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. Adopts a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for this project.
6. Adopts a statement of overriding considerations for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Vanauken Creek Fuel Break Project PSA/Addendum and record of project approval is available to the general public on the HCRCD website: <https://humboldtrcd.org/>.

**Signature:**   
**Title:** Executive Director  
**Date:** 2/13/2026