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From:
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
5630 South Broadway
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Jill Demers, Executive Director

Subject: **Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program

Project Location: The project would be implemented in the vicinity of Willow Creek in Humboldt County and Salyer and Hawkins Bar in Trinity County, collectively known as the Greater Willow Creek area.

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 aligns with the priorities set forth in the 2019 Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) (Willow Creek Planning Unit) and the 2020 Trinity County CWPP (relevant to Salyer and Hawkins Bar).

The project would occur on 37,739.26 acres of private and State Responsibility Area lands in eastern Humboldt and western Trinity Counties. Initial treatments would be implemented in phases (i.e., as funding and resources allow) as landowner approval and funding sources are available over a 10–15-year period. The Project consists of ecological restoration, fuel breaks, and wildland-urban interface (WUI) fuel reduction treatments. The proposed treatment activities are prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, herbicide, prescribed herbivory, and manual treatments.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the HCRCD (CEQA Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on October 8, 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 Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program PSA/Addendum (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program 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 Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program; 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 Lower Trinity River Vegetation Treatment Program PSA/Addendum and record of project approval is available to the general public on the HCRCD website: https://humboldtrcd.org/.

Signature: _____ ***Date:*** 10/8/2026

Title: Executive Director

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____