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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: CalVTP Native Roots Project
Project Location: Shasta

Project Description: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the CalVTP Native Roots Project. The CalVTP Native Roots Project entails implementation of vegetation treatments on up to 10,415 acres of land in Shasta County, near the community of Bella Vista. The proposed treatment types (i.e., ecological restoration and fuel breaks) and treatment activities (i.e., manual treatments, mechanical treatments, and prescribed burning) are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR and the writ of mandate issued by the Superior Court of San Diego County on November 14, 2025 in California Chaparral Institute and Endangered Habitats League v. Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and pursuant to PRC §4483, have been designed to avoid type conversion in areas where chaparral is present. Maintenance treatments would involve the same vegetation treatment types and activities used in the initial treatments.

This is to advise that CAL FIRE (☒ Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on 10/9/2026 (Date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will 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) was prepared for the CalVTP Native Roots 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.
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 CalVTP Native Roots Project PSA 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: DocuSigned by: George Huang 9F2094CBFDE746E... Date: 10/9/2026
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Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.