

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Restoration of Blue Oak

Project Location - Specific:

Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, 8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918

Project Location - City: Browns Valley

Project Location - County: Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) property Sierra Foothill REC proposes restoration of 42 acres of foothill rangeland to blue oak woodlands. The site historically supported blue oaks, but was extensively cleared in the early 1960's and is currently used for cattle grazing. The project proposes an initial planting density of 150 blue oak seedlings per acre. Half the sites will be planted using 1-year-old seedlings and the other half of the sites will be planted using acorns. All planting sites will include well-managed and prepared seed beds, protected from cattle, deer and rabbit browsing, and provided supplemental water the fall (seedlings) as well as the first spring and second spring following planting.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304; Minor Alteration to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies as Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15304 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. The project involves a minor alteration to land with the attempted control of vegetation. In addition, no exceptions to the exemption are present.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shawn Tibor Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-752-5914

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 9.20.19 Title: Director of Facilities

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
[] Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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