

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
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Lakeport, CA 95453

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FROM: Community Development Dept
Planning Division, County of Lake
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PROJECT TITLE: Cobb Area Community-Based Fuel Reduction Project, Grant Agreement # 5GG17158

PROJECT LOCATION: Cobb, Loch Lomond, Seigler Springs, Gifford Springs, Adam Springs, Whispering Pines, and Hoberg communities; Lake County, CA

COUNTY: Lake

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The project is receiving funds from Cal Fire's California Climate Investments Program. The purpose is to achieve reduced carbon emissions by fuels reduction through fuels removal and removal of diseased trees, to create a forest with fire resiliency and improved carbon sequestration. The Project also provides a reduction of potential carbon releases due to wildfire. The Project will not remove any healthy, mature, and/or scenic trees. The Project will benefit the Cobb, Loch Lomond, Seigler Springs, Gifford Springs, Adam Springs, Whispering Pines and Hoberg communities by reducing the fire risk.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: County of Lake Community Development Department

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Association

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption 15304(i), Class 4

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Class 4(i) – Fuel Management Activities. Project is in forestland partly devastated by the Valley Fire, declared an emergency, September 22, 2015. The project is located within a FRAP Very High Hazard Zone; reduces the fuel load of hazardous burned trees posing a threat to public health and safety; tree removal will comply with the Tree Mortality Task Force Guidelines, 2016. The Lake County Community Development Department has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is, therefore, exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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Signed by Lead Agency