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**Project Title: SCE 2020 VMP (Rx-South-034-FKU)**

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City: Sacramento, CA Zip: 94244 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Shaver Lake  
Cross Streets: Tollhouse Rd Zip Code: 93634

Lat. / Long.: 37° 08' 18.8" N / 119° 16' 39.8" W Total Acres: 11,864  
Assessor's Parcel No.: 120-010-01U, 120-040-05U, 120-040-02U, 120-402-23SU, 120-040-11U, 120-040-16U, 120-402-21SU, 120-402-20SU, 120-070- 10U, 120-090- 01U, 120-901- 11SU, 120-901- 10SU, 120-390- 02U, 120-080- 18U, 120-802- 21SU, 120-080- 09U, 120-802- 23SU, 120-120- 29U, 120-202- 27SU, 120-120- 28U, 120-120- 13U, 120-260- 11U, 120-070- 11U, 120-901- 12SU, 120-102- 22SU, 120-101- 18SU, 120-080- 12U, 120-080- 14U, 120-802- 22SU, 120-080- 16U, 120-080- 10U, 120-202- 26SU, 120-301- 11SU, 120-120- 03U, 120-110- 34U, 120-110- 35U, 120-120- 01U, 120-203- 32SU, 120-203- 33SU, 120-203- 30SU, 120-601- 16SU, 120-802- 20SU, 120-080- 01U, 120-260- 10U, 120-500- 09SU, 120-401- 19SU, 120-801- 19SU, 120-270- 05U, 120-802- 24SU, 120-390- 01U, 130-090- 10U, 133-030- 20U, 130-090- 08U, 130-130- 02U, 130-090- 02U, 133-050-01U, 130-090- 12U, 130-130- 04U, 133-060- 03U.

Sections: 12, 13, 24, 26, 25, 35, 36 Twp.: 9S Range: 24E Base: MDB&M  
Sections: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 Twp.: 9S Range: 25E Base: MDB&M  
Sections: 14, 23, 24, 25, 26 Twp.: 10S Range: 25E Base: MDB&M  
Sections: 19, 30, 34 Twp.: 10S Range: 26E Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 168 Waterways: Shaver Lake, Stevenson Creek, Musick Creek, Azalea Creek  
Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Pine Ridge Elementary

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec  (Prior SCH No.)  Draft EIS  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other N/A

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: N/A

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Wildlife

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other               |  |   |  |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Timber Harvest and Recreation

**Project Description:**

The SCE 2020 VMP accomplish timber stand improvement and fuels reduction work throughout the entire project area. Broadcast burning, mechanical alteration e.g. mastication, piling by tractor and hand, and tree felling will be utilized to reduce fuel loading, install containment lines and eliminate ladder fuels. The entirety of the property is suitable for broadcast with the exception of areas containing infrastructure. Approximately 75% of the project area contains south and west facing aspects. These aspects contain brush understory which are the primary target for treatment. Broadcast burning and tractor piling are to be the primary treatment methods where slope and fuel loading dictate.

Treatment methods may be combined where fuel loading dictates. Areas containing logging slash will be tractor piled and broadcast burned in successive entries. Hand crews will be utilized on areas too steep for equipment or in areas where equipment use is not feasible due to environmental protection issues, landowner concerns, or other unforeseen circumstances. Project activities that are anticipated include the following:

- Fall and spring broadcast burn entries
- Mechanical fuel modification, e.g. mastication
- Burn piles created by hand or heavy equipment to be treated when safe, climatic conditions exist.
- Potential for firing classes and other training opportunities.

Project objectives include;

- Elimination of fuel ladder and reduction of fuel loading to provide a greater degree of fire protection to man-made assets and natural resource values associated with this overstocked mixed conifer stand.
- To provide a location to conduct C-234 firing classes.
- To increase water yield through vegetation modification.
- To increase the quality of wildlife habitat through decadent brush treatment.

In addition to the treatments and objectives above, treatment of understory and ladder fuels on this ownership will provide enhanced fire protection to the Providence Creek infrastructure and SRA lands to the East and South of the project. This project provides additional fire protection buffers between federal lands in the Providence Creek drainage and the above mentioned private property. Potential exists for collaboration on future projects with Sierra National Forest. Fuels reduction activities generally creates potential to avoid damage from a high intensity wildfire to the natural resources associated with the mixed conifer plant forest type in which this project occurs. This project creates potential to reduce negative impacts to air quality, water quality, biological resources and their habitats, soil, aesthetics, recreation, and property improvements by preventing the incidence and effects of unanticipated wildfire events in the project influence zone.

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| _____ California Highway Patrol              | _____ Office of Public School Construction                 |
| _____ CalFire                                | _____ Parks & Recreation                                   |
| _____ Caltrans District # _____              | _____ Pesticide Regulation, Department of                  |
| _____ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics       | _____ Public Utilities Commission                          |
| _____ Caltrans Planning (Headquarters)       | <u>X</u> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>                          |
| _____ Central Valley Flood Protection Board  | _____ Resources Agency                                     |
| _____ Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | _____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission       |
| _____ Coastal Commission                     | _____ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| _____ Colorado River Board                   | _____ San Joaquin River Conservancy                        |

- Conservation, Department of
- Corrections, Department of
- Delta Protection Commission
- Education, Department of
- Energy Commission
- Fish & Game Region # 4
- Food & Agriculture, Department of
- General Services, Department of
- Health Services, Department of
- Housing & Community Development
- Integrated Waste Management Board
- Native American Heritage Commission

- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- Water Resources, Department of
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date 12/11/2020 Ending Date 1/11/2021

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** Matthew Reischman **Date:** 12/11/2020

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.