NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Hospital Fuelbreak (Reoccurring)		
PROJECT LOCATION	T6N, R11E, portions of Section 27 & 28, MDBM	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the clearance of vegetation (fuel) on private land parcels located behind the Sutter Amador Hospital located in the City of Jackson in Amador County, California. Brush and grasses shall be removed and material will be disked into the soil. The fuels reduction shall be done by CAL FIRE Heavy Fire Equipment Operators utilizing dozer/disk or private contractors utilizing dozer/disk. The fuelbreak is approximately 2790 feet long and 30 feet wide on which fuels reduction work will be completed (approximately 2 acres total area). This fuelbreak vegetation clearance shall be re-occurring approximately every 1-2 years or sooner if needed. This NOE will cover ongoing fuels reduction for approximately 10 years. In 2030, CAL FIRE will re-assess the environmental setting and amend the CEQA file for this project, as appropriate.

EXEMPTION STATUS				
\boxtimes	Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land			
	Statutory Exemption (state code section):			
	Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)			
	Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))			
	Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))			

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. An environmental review was conducted to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included an on-the-ground field inspection by CAL FIRE Resource Management Staff. In addition, consultation/correspondence was sent via email to representatives of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at AEU Unit Headquarters in Camino.

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