



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	CAL FIRE NEU Bureau of Reclamation Cooperative Burn Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Auburn Headquarters	<b>COUNTY</b>	Nevada
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will allow NEU to work with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Central California Area Office, to develop a cooperative burning project on Bureau of Reclamation Lands. The project area is located along the North Fork and Middle Fork of the American River below Auburn to Colfax CA, and consist of approximately 9 acres with approximately 200 pre-built piles. The area to be treated is surrounded by state responsibly area receiving direct protection from CAL FIRE.


### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class  
 Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)  
 Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
 Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
 Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. All the NEU Bureau of Reclamation Cooperative Burn Project activities are included in the Categorical Exclusion document prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior. Categorical Exclusion Checklist, Auburn Shaded Fuel Break – CCAO-CEC-19-10 signed in 2019.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
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