

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Forest Health and Upper Watershed Resilience Grant: Coutolenc Park (BLM) Mastication and Biomass Removal		
PROJECT LOCATION	T23N, R04E, Section 19 MDBM	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the Butte County Fire Safe Council to conduct fuel reduction treatments and biomass removal as part of the Coutolenc Strategic Fuels Reduction Project. Treatments include masticating dead and dying trees 10" Diameter Breast Height (DBH) and under, and cutting, chipping, and removing dead and dying trees up to 24" DBH to a biomass or other alternative waste facility, and planting native tree species. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and 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

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA through the NEPA Camp Fire Salvage and Reforestation CX# DOI-BLM-CAN060-2019-0028-CX process.

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