

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: El Dorado

360 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

From: (Public Agency): El Dorado Resource Conservation District
100 Forni Road, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667

(Address)

Project Title: Caldor Forest and Community Restoration Project – Grizzly Flat

Project Applicant: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The project area involves an approximately 2,980 acre areas of the Grizzly Flats community located in south central El Dorado County, California. The project site falls within located within Sections 3, 4, 8-11, 13-17, 20, 21, Township 9N, Range 13 East on the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map, MDM.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The currently contemplated activities of the proposed project include removal of accumulated woody debris, dead trees, and incidental vegetation on 1,131 private parcels to ensure long term fire fuels are reduced. In addition, the project would conduct site preparation and planting to re-establish forest cover on these private lands. Timely removal of the trees and incidental vegetation and subsequent site preparation is necessary to reduce the immediate risk to the existing private landowners as well as allow for future recovery treatments and/or redevelopment. Additional recovery treatments and redevelopment activities within the Agreement area, including within the Grizzly Flat area, would be authorized under subsequent CEQA and NEPA decisions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land and qualifies as an emergency project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 (Emergency Projects). The project involves removal of accumulated woody debris, dead trees, and incidental vegetation on 1,131 private parcels to ensure long term fire fuels are reduced. In addition, the project would conduct site preparation and planting to re-establish forest cover on these private lands. Timely removal of the trees and incidental vegetation and subsequent site preparation is necessary to reduce the immediate risk to the existing private landowners as well as allow for future recovery treatments and/or redevelopment. No exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mark Egbert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-303-5328

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Chuck Mitchell Date: 5/4/2022 Title: President

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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____