

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: El Dorado

From: (Public Agency): El Dorado Resource Conservation District

100 Forni Road, Suite A  
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(Address)

Project Title: Caldor Emergency Fire Recovery - Sierra at Tahoe Hazard Trees Phase I

Project Applicant: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Eastern El Dorado County, south of US Hwy 50, 12 miles southwest of S Lake Tahoe.

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: El Dorado

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Removal of dead and dying trees from within 150 feet of existing infrastructure and ski run trails at the Sierra at Tahoe ski resort, Eldorado National Forest. The purpose of the project is to remove dead and dying trees from the Caldor Fire burn area to reduce the potential for additional negative impacts from wildfire in the future. Timely removal of the trees will reduce the immediate risk to the existing facilities and public safety. The project promotes public interest by supporting safe recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands and by removing fuels that will serve as a pretext for another mega-catastrophic wildfire complex. The Eldorado National Forest (ENF) has authorized the work in a letter dated March 9, 2022, pursuant to the existing valid Special Use Permit for the ski resort, issued in 2017.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

### Reasons why project is exempt:

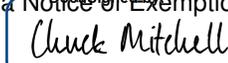
Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1), as amended by Senate Bill 901, provides that until January 1, 2023, under specified conditions, CEQA would not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA. The ENF has completed the NEPA process for the proposed project activities. The proposed project would remove dead and dying trees from within 150-feet of the existing facilities; thereby removing materials that could serve as fuels for future wildfires while reducing the immediate threat to facilities.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mark Egbert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 295-0120

### 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:  Date: 5/4/2022 Title: President

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_