

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Tuolumne

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 10-A2338 (II) - Tuolumne County Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Caltrans Right-of-Way on State Route (SR) 49 from Post Mile (PM) 15.1-17.3 and on SR-108 from PM 9.5-14.5, in Tuolumne County.

Project Location - City: VAR Project Location - County: TUO

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes vegetation management along SR-49 and SR-108 in Tuolumne County. The scope of work includes removing brush, shrubs, ground fuels, debris, and dead, dying, and/or hazardous trees that pose a threat to public health and safety, and smaller diameter, suppressed, or intermediate trees in areas of high density. The purpose of this project is to reduce the horizontal and vertical continuity of fire fuels to create a functional fuel break along the SR-49 and SR-108, facilitating the safe ingress and egress of vehicles and personnel during a wildfire event. The project is needed to prevent the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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 Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

Specific Actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 11/08/2022 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

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 _____