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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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 County of Lake 1400 Tenth Street  
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**FROM:** Lake County Community Development Dept.  
 255 North Forbes Street  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** The California Wildfire Mitigation Program-Home Hardening Initiative  
 [Categorical Exemption (CE 23-02)]

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Residential properties within the Kelseyville Rivera. Specific addresses to be served within these project areas are unknown at this time and will be determined as homeowners from within the project area apply to participate in the program.

**COUNTY:** Lake

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** The North Coast Opportunities (NCO) has partnered with California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the County of Lake for the Lake County Home Hardening Program. Home hardening addresses the most vulnerable components of your house with building materials and installation techniques that increase resistance to heat, flames, and embers that accompany most wildfires. The program will provide home hardening measures to 500 homes within the Kelseyville Rivera Community Association over a 3-year period, with a goal of completing 25 homes in year one, 100 homes in year two, and 375 homes in year three. Totaling 500 hardened homes over the life of the project. Home Hardening would include defensible Space Measures including but not limited to:

- Removal of dead and dying trees, branches
- Moving auxiliary buildings or structures away from residence
- Replacement of combustible fencing and gates
- Creation of vertical and/or horizontal space
- Removal of any dead and dying debris and fuels

Defensible Space Measures would include, but would not be limited to:

- Recover Roofs with Class A fire resistant materials
- Install metal vents or flashing
- Add metal screens, noncombustible weather stripping, etc.
- Install double pane, tempered windows
- Closing or plugging of holes / bird stopping

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- Replace exterior wall coverings with noncombustible material
- Install noncombustible skirting on mobile homes

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Lake County Community Development Department

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** North Coast Opportunities (NCO)

**EXEMPT STATUS (Check One):**

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
- Statutory Exemption: State code number: \_\_\_\_\_;
- Categorical Exemption (Sections 15301(e) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines)
- General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

As proposed, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 Minor Alterations to Land and Existing Facilities.

The County of Lake Community Development Department finds that Home Hardening Program is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

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**Date:** January 27, 2023

