

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): Placer County Resource Conservation District

11641 Blocker Dr., Suite 120

Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Prescribed Burning on Private Lands

Project Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District (Placer RCD)

Project Location - Specific:

T13N R09E Section 9, 10, and 16 MDBM; Greenwood USGS 7.5' Quad

Project Location - City: Applegate

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project was funded by CAL FIRE to increase the pace and scale of prescribed burning throughout the state to improve fire resilience and forest/community health. The project will serve as an opportunity to equip private landowners with the knowledge and skills to use prescribed burning as a fuels management tool, decrease fuel continuity, and reduce the probability of catastrophic wildfire. The proposed project benefits private landowners, suppression resources, and the ecological integrity of the state's forestlands. This site is a premier candidate for prescribed burning as it is a follow-up treatment for a large-scale fuels reduction project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County 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: Categorical Exemption, Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Placer RCD is proposing the qualification of exemption from a comprehensive CEQA analysis under the Class 4 category for minor alterations to land. The project involves a low intensity prescribed underburn to improve community fire resiliency, reduce risks to first responders during a wildfire, and preserve the ecological integrity of the property when a wildfire ignites. The site is located on the ridgetop above a steep and densely vegetated river canyon. The burn plan will identify hazard mitigation tactics and ensure the conservation of ecological and cultural resources. Under the specified prescription, the burn will have low velocity and minimal heat, resulting in the combustion of fine fuels only and not threatening the forest ecosystem. The proposed unit is located in a developed area surrounded by roads and homes. The proposed project will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or result in significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cordi Craig Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530/390-6680

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: _____ Title: Prescribed Fire Program Manager

▪ 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: _____

Placer Co. Coordinated Fuel Break T13N R9E Sections 9, 10, and 16 MDBM Greenwood USGS 7.5' Quad

