



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	California Forest Shared Stewardship Support Program Grant: Arnold-Avery Healthy Forest Restoration (USFS)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District: Sec 13, 25, 36, T5N R14E; Sec 7, 8, 11-15, 17-21, 24,27-30, T5N R15E; Sec 18, T5N R16E; Sec 1, 12-14, 23, 24, T4N R14E; Sec 18, T4N R15E	<b>COUNTY</b>	Calaveras
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE would provide funding to the USDA Forest Service to conduct multiple vegetation treatments, including mechanical thinning, salvage of dead trees, biomass removal, prescribed burning, mastication, fuel break construction and maintenance, and hand and mechanical fuels work. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, and improve forest resiliency.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation, & habitat restoration projects undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the Arnold-Avery Healthy Forest Restoration (53093) NEPA Decision Memo signed on 10/1/18. NEPA coverage for this project is 3,000 acres, with initial treatments at 658 acres.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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