

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration: “Concow Pyrodiversity Project”

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LEAD AGENCY: Butte County Resource Conservation District
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PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located north of the community of Concow, about 25 miles north from the City of Oroville, CA and 25 miles east from the City of Chico, CA. It is on land owned by Sierra Pacific Industries and other private partners, including portions of Mount Diablo Meridian, Township 23 N., Range 04 E., Sections 24-27; and T. 23 N., R. 05 E., Section 30. APNS for which resources and impacts of the proposed project were analyzed are: 058-110-018-000, 058-110-011-000, 058-110-012-000, 058-110-015-000, 058-120-001-000, 058-120-013-000, 058-120-011-000, and 058-070-001-000. The site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code regarding hazardous waste facilities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is a 1,174-acre fuels reduction and ecological enhancement effort situated within the Flea Valley (North Fork Feather River) and Concow Creek (West Branch Feather River) watersheds. Project activities would consist of pile burning, broadcast burning, manual fuels reduction, some incidental roads maintenance, mechanical fuels reduction, and prescribed grazing. The latter two activities would be restricted to slopes less than 50%. The project proponent is CAL FIRE.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) has been prepared by the Butte County Resource Conservation District as lead agency and is in conformance with Section 15070, Subsection (a), of the State of California Guidelines for Implementation of the CEQA. The purpose of the draft MND and the Initial Study Checklist was to determine whether there were potentially significant impacts associated with the development of the project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day minimum public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on May 5, 2023, and end on June 5, 2023, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: wolfy@bcrd.org. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are also available for review at the above address and at <https://www.bcrd.org/announcements>.


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