



HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Humboldt County Resource
Conservation District
5630 South Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503

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Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Revitalizing Forest Health in the Yurok Community Forest and Salmon Sanctuary
Project Location - Specific: The project area is located on Yurok Tribal lands in the Pecwan Creek Watershed, including all or portions of Sections 1,2,3,4,9,11,12,13,14 of T11N, R3E, in the Humboldt Base and Meridian.
Project Location - County: Humboldt County

Lead Agency: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
Lead Person: Jill Demers Email: jillhercd@gmail.com Telephone: 707-442-6058 x5

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District would provide grant funding through the CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program to the Yurok Tribe to treat a total of 1,300 acres of post-industrial timberland using timber management, fuels management, and post-harvest fuels management. This area was identified in the Yurok Tribe Yurok Sustained Yield Lands Forest Management Plan as areas in need of fuels reduction. These treatments will reduce wildfire risks to local resources and community members, promote native plant and wildlife species, safeguard carbon stock, and improve forest resiliency.

- 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:
[X] Statutory Exemptions: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05 (d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to fuel reduction, reforestation and 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 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. Humboldt County Resource Conservation District will provide grant funds to the Yurok Tribe, a federally recognized tribe, to reduce forest fuels and risk of catastrophic wildfire. The proposed project was reviewed in its entirety under the Pecwan Forest Health Project, Phase 1 Lands, Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) signed April 2023.

Date Received / Posted Through

Jill Demers Date 7/17/2023
Executive Director
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District