



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	California Forestry Association, "Calforests Caldor Fire Post Fire Recovery – Phase I		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Near Grizzly Flats, CA: Privately owned timberland within portions of the Cosumnes River watershed (specifically within portions of the Butte Creek, Lower Sly Park, Middle Butte, Sting Cayon, Snow Creek and Ban Horn Creek Planning Watersheds).	<b>COUNTY</b>	El Dorado
	Legal Description: Within portions of T10N-R13E, Secs 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35; T9N-R13E 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11; T10N-R13E Sec 36; and T9N-R12E Sec 2 (MDBM)		
<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 expedite priority restoration measures in high severity burn areas on 4,269 acres of privately owned timberland (owned and managed by Sierra Pacific Industries) within proximity to the community of Grizzly Flats. Funding supports the broader goal of post fire recovery and forest health and resiliency. CAL FIRE funding, as it relates to on the ground treatments, will focus entirely upon tree and woody debris removal (chipping, mastication, piling, burning or transportation), site preparation, control of competing vegetation, tree planting, post planting vegetation control. The project supports a local workforce within a census designated priority population. In addition to the short-term benefit of restoring and reforesting severely burned forested acres, implementation of the project would promote resiliency in the natural ecosystem services, such as overall watershed improvements through improved regulation of surface runoff and groundwater infiltration, increased uptake of carbon dioxide, provide for slope stabilization, and restoration of lost forest-based habitat for species that rely upon these environments.

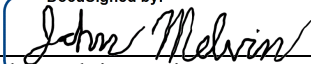
### EXEMPTION STATUS

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

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a) a project is exempt from CEQA when it "maintain[s], repair[s], restore[s]... property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code." Implementation of the project would restore forested landscapes, restore carbon sequestration capacity of targeted forested landscapes, restore and increase capacity as it relates to above and below ground carbon storage, and restore forest habitat destroyed by the Caldor Fire. The action is therefore exempt from CEQA because it would restore property damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster for which a state of emergency was proclaimed, pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a).

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