

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Butte County Resource Conservation
District

150 Chuck Yeager Way, Ste A
Oroville, CA. 95965

(Address)

County Clerk/ County of
Butte

155 Nelson Ave

Oroville, CA 95965-3411

Project Title: Upper Clear Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Project Location - Specific: T21N, R03E, portions of section
32; T20N R03E portions of sections 5 & 6

Project Location - City: Butte Valley (uninc.)

Project Location • County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The goals of this project are to 1) restore the riparian and oak woodland ecosystems 2) reduce competing invasive species 3) enhance cultural, medicinal, and ceremonial plant resources 4) improve grazing management. Project activities include; native plantings; invasive species removal; barbed wire fencing removal and replacement with wildlife friendly fencing; prescribed grazing and cultural fire. This project is located adjacent to and upstream of an existing United Army Corps of Engineers project.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

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));

X Categorical Exemption, Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land 15304)

Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is non-ground disturbing except for the minor disturbance of planting native plants as a mix of plugs, pots, cuttings, seeds, fence replacement and removal work. Prior to planting, site preparation will be achieved using mowing, prescribed grazing, cultural fire, and/or selective manual and/or mechanical weed removal. All work related to removing existing fencing and replacing it with wildlife-friendly fencing will occur outside of the ground-nesting season (April 15th - August 15th) or will occur after pre-implementation surveys have been completed. For species such as burrowing owls and the western spadefoot, burrowing sites will be avoided during installation work. A cultural resource monitor will also be present during fence removal and installation work.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Thad Walker, District Manager

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 693-3173

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: X Yes No

Signature: 

Date: 10-26-23

Title: Chairman, Board of Directors

X Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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