

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
6270 Parallel Road
Anderson, CA 96007

County Clerk
Shasta County
1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: WSRCD Highway 44 ROW Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD)

Project Location - Specific: Section(s): 18, 19, 20, 21; T31N; R02W; Mount Diablo BM
Section(s): 13, 24; T31N; R03W; Mount Diablo BM

Project Location - City: Millville, CA

Project Location - County: Shasta County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The WSRCD Highway 44 ROW Fuel Reduction Project work will include Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) crews conducting manual fuel reduction work along Highway 44 within the highway right-of-way (ROW) between post miles 11.7 to 14.8, a stretch located east of Redding, CA, in the vicinity of Millville, CA and Bear Creek. The project will occur within the vegetated portion of the ROW. The ROW varies in width from generally 50 feet to 100 feet from the highway centerline on both sides of the highway. This is a cooperative project with the State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) that is expected to create a safer community for residents along Highway 44. In addition, this project is expected to create a safer evacuation route in the event of an emergency such as a wildfire and to create increased roadside visibility of potential highway hazards such as deer and escaped cattle.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

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: §15304(i): Minor Alterations to Land , §15301 Maintenance of Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

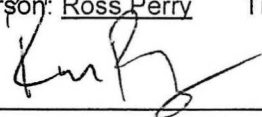
Reasons why project is exempt:

WSRCD has determined that the objectives of fuel reduction and the implementation activities as designed for this project will result in minor alterations to vegetation and land along existing facilities and therefore fits within the §15304 and §15301 exemptions. WSRCD has also determined that no exceptions exist which would preclude the use of this exemption, such as: (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant effects on the environment, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of any historical resource. Contact WSRCD to arrange viewing of the environmental review report.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ross Perry Title: Project Manager Telephone: (530) 365-7332 ext. 203

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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