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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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Project Title: AB2551 Watershed Coordinator Grant – Pit Resource Conservation District in partnership with Pit River Tribe (SNC958-RFFCP) [SCH 2024010368]

Project Location – Specific: Forested parcels along Highway 299 near the communities of Burney and Johnson Park, Shasta County. Township 35 North, Range 3 East, Sections 19, 20. Township 36 North, Range 3 East, Section 35.

Project Location - City: Burney, Johnson Park

Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has authorized the Pit Resource Conservation District to proceed to use grant funds under agreement 958-RFFCP to implement fuel reduction activities to improve the protection of homes, communities, critical infrastructure, and public and private lands from wildfire while protecting environmental, natural, and cultural resources. The project will reduce fuel loads on 98 acres of mixed conifer and pine forest located near Burney and Johnson Park. Targeted vegetation types within the project area are woody brush, small diameter understory trees, dead, dying and diseased trees, seasonal grasses, and small diameter surface fuels. Fuel treatment methods may include but are not limited to hand piling, mowing, chipping, burning (pile and broadcast), mastication, lop and scatter, biomass thinning, and herbicide application.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Pit Resource Conservation District
Sharmie Stevenson, Executive Director
PO Box 301
Bieber, CA 96009
530-299-3405

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA

Guidelines Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. This project is to protect homes, communities, critical infrastructure, and public and private lands from wildfire by reducing excess fuel loads on surrounding parcels. The Pit RCD commissioned environmental/specialists reports on resources in the project area, and a treatment prescription prepared by a Registered Professional Forester, and Pit RCD and the SNC determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits - including restoration of the forest, watershed, and wildlife habitat, and will not no significant adverse impacts to natural or cultural resources. The project has been independently reviewed and the SNC has determined that none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-450-5177

If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project:
Yes __ No __

Signature: Angela Avery

Executive Officer

Title: _____

4/10/2025

Date: _____

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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