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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Columbia Airport, Vegetation Clearing

**PROJECT PROPONENT:** County of Tuolumne, 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 209-533-5633

**LOCATION:** Columbia Airport, Columbia, California, APN 032-320-012. The project encompasses a portion of Sections 11, 14, and 15, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, East Mount Diablo Principal Meridian.

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project is comprised of fuel reduction activities on County-owned lands in Tuolumne County that constitute an active airport. The project will reduce vegetation by using prescribed burning on existing ground cover vegetation, within the airport grounds, to enhance visibility and improve safety in the operational area of the airport.

**APPROVING AGENCY:** County of Tuolumne

**Filed**

**EXEMPT STATUS** (check one)

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- 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 (Sec. 15304)

By: Quincy Yaley  
Deputy

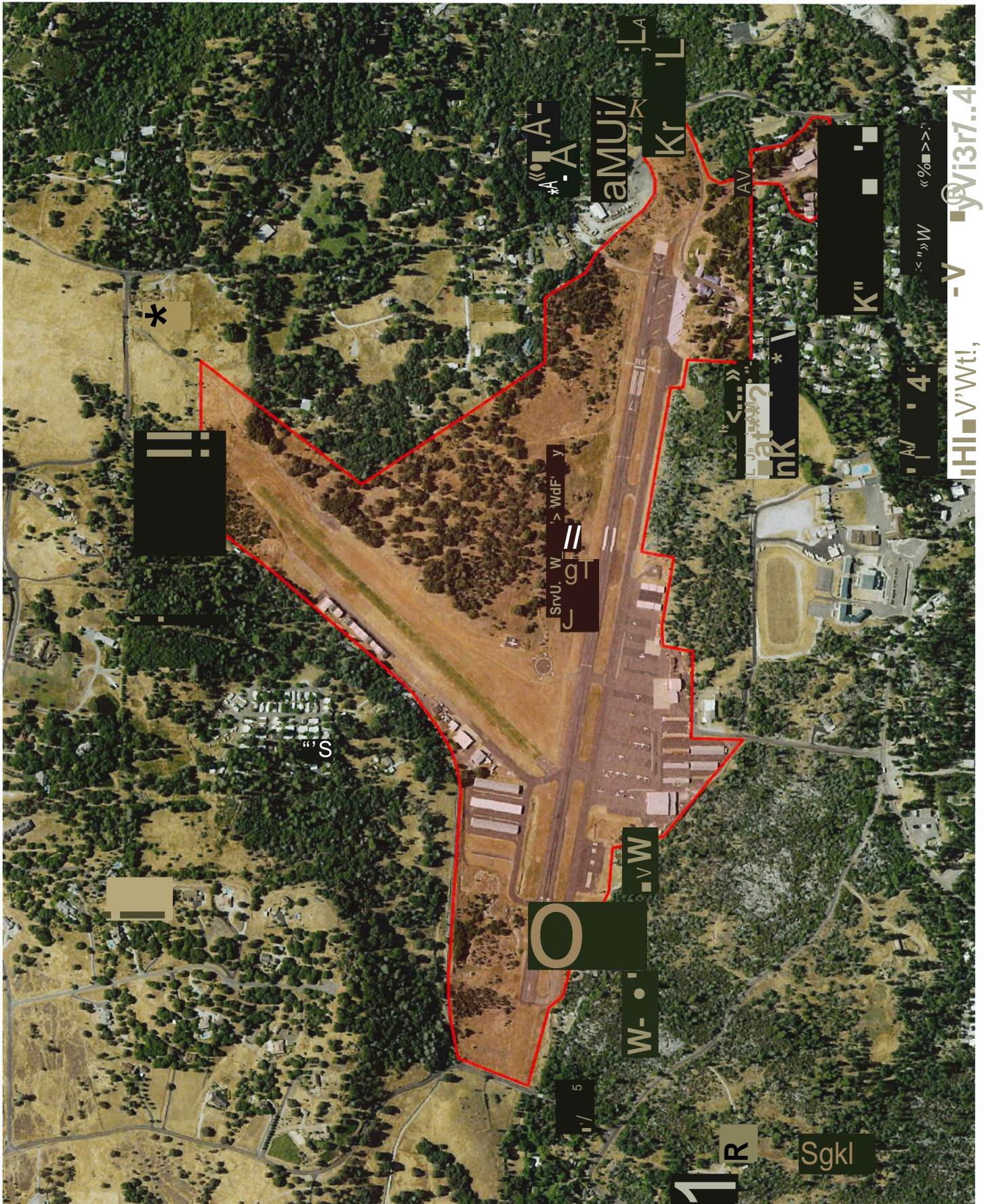
**RATIONALE FOR EXEMPTION:** After reviewing the project and its setting, the Environmental Coordinator for the County of Tuolumne has determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* because the project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The project consists of minor land alterations involving the thinning, or removal of surface vegetation for fire risk reduction and enhanced visibility in a County-owned airport, which will not result in significant adverse impacts. The prescribed burning will not result in the taking of any endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, nor cause any significant erosion and/or sedimentation of surface waters. None of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found in Section 15300.2 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* apply to this project.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT:** Blossom Scott-Heim, P.E.

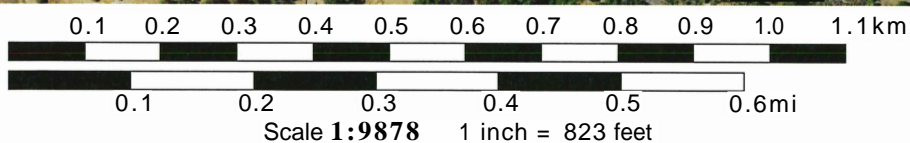
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**Signature:** Quincy Yaley  
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Environmental Coordinator

**Date:** 2-14-24



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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

**Print** **StartOver !** **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 55— 02/15/2024 — 05  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>Tuolumne County Public Works Department</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>02/15/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Tuolumne</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

**Columbia Airport, Vegetation Clearing**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>County of Tuolumne</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ( )
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>2 South Green Street</b>	CITY <b>Sonora</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>95370</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

Q Exempt from fee

- Notice of Exemption (attach)
- CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

**X**

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

**Rachel Gummerson, Administrative Technician**