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By zhernandez, Deputy



**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder  
625 Court Street, Room B-01  
Woodland, CA 95695

Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:**

Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
221 West Court Street, Suite 1  
Woodland, CA 95695  
[adams@yolorcd.org](mailto:adams@yolorcd.org)

**Project Title:** Gonsalves Obermeier-Clowers Broadcast Burn

**Project Location – Specific:** T12N R04W Section 00 and T12N R03W Section 00 MDPM; Rumsey USGS 7.5' Quad

**Project Location – Rumsey, CA**

**Project Location – County: Yolo**

**Description of nature and purpose of the Project:**

The project is an approximately 17-acre broadcast burn north of the town of Rumsey, CA to be implemented by CALFIRE Lake Napa Unit, the Capay Valley Fire Protection District, Yocha Dehe Fire Department and Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD)/Yolo Prescribed Burn Association (PBA). Yolo County RCD is the main project coordinator and will ensure implementation is consistent with burn and smoke permits and environmental compliance. CALFIRE or the Capay Valley Fire Protection District will be the implementing entity to perform fuels management using low-intensity, broadcast prescribed fire. Fire line containment will be determined based on escape risk, which depends on weather and time factors. If fire risk is low, containment lines will be created around the burn unit using weed whackers, hand tools, and water pumps to create a barrier of minimal vegetation and a wet edge. Work will not occur when fire risk is high (hot weather and/or high winds).

The primary management objective for the prescribed burn is hazardous fuels reduction and a clear fire break on an area north of the community of Rumsey. This project is part of a larger project to create a fire buffer for the community of Rumsey. Prevailing winds can bring fire down the Capay Valley canyon towards the community creating dangerous fire conditions; this buffer will help protect the community from wildfire and is a priority project in the Yolo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Additionally, the burn may serve as a training event for CAL FIRE firefighters and the Yolo-Solano Prescribed Burn Association. The project benefits private landowners and fire suppression agencies. All burning will be performed or supervised by CAL FIRE Lake Napa Sonoma Unit in accordance with the terms and conditions of an air quality burn permit issued by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

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A biological assessment performed by Yolo County RCD, identified no species of concern within the burn unit area. The project footprint consists mostly of predominately invasive vegetation such as non-native annual grasses. There are native trees within the project footprint which will be prepped prior to burning by limbing up ladder fuels with hand tools and chainsaws. Trees will be protected during burning with water pumps or hand tools and no trees are expected to be impacted by the low-intensity fire. Yolo County RCD qualified biologists will survey the project area for species of concern at least one week prior to treatment. If species of concern are located, activities will be modified to prevent impacts including using a piecemeal burn approach to ensure not all suitable habitat is burned at once or creating buffers around nesting habitat.

Work may occur during nesting bird season. If work commences during nesting bird season (February 1st to September 15th) the project area will be surveyed for nesting birds no more than one week prior to operations by a qualified biologist. If nesting birds are located, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District will develop measures that minimize impacts and are consistent with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Prescribed fire decreases fuel continuity, which reduces the probability of catastrophic wildfires and promotes a healthy ecosystem. Low to moderate intensity fire results in levels of disturbance that are beneficial to California native ecosystems and the species that comprise them. Implementation of this broadcast burn is intended to limit fire spread into the community of Rumsey and the Capay Valley.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Yolo County Resource Conservation District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Yolo County Resource Conservation District

**Exempt Status:**

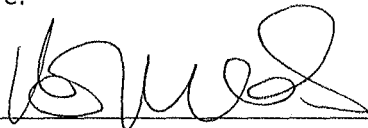
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number \_\_\_\_\_
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land CEQA Guidelines § 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project site consists of mostly non-native grasses and broadleaf plants which have very little habitat value. The ground will be left with reduced fuel loads and reduced weed pressure and in a condition that allows vegetative regrowth to occur and may benefit native vegetation.

The project meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (minor alterations to land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope, that will not significantly impact the aesthetic of the property, or biological and/or cultural resources, and that do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees for any purpose. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise,

populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire.

Signature (Lead Agency):  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/23/2024

Name/Title: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

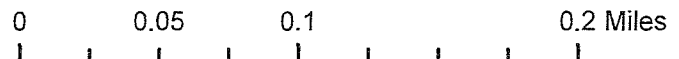
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# Gonsalves Obermeier-Clowers Broadcast Burn



## Legend

 Burn Units





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

RECEIPT NUMBER: 57-05232024-055
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LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY RESORCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL adam@yolorcd.org	DATE 05/23/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
 GONSALVES OBERMEIER - CLOWERS BROADCAST BURN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESORCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL adam@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 221 WEST COURT ST SUITE 1	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
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**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

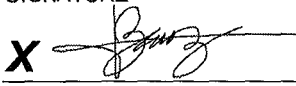
Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____
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SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Zuri Hernandez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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