

COUNTY RECORDER
Filing Requested by:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Address
Woodland, CA 95695
City, State, Zip

Attention: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Filed in County Clerk's Office

Jesse Salinas
Yolo County - Clerk-Recorder

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By zhernandez, Deputy



Notice of Exemption

To:

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

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
meyer@yolorcd.org

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

Project Title: Highway 16 Fuel Break – Camp Haswell

Project Location – Specific: Postmile 6.00 to Postmile 4.90 along Highway 16 North of Rumsey, CA

Project Location – City/County: Rumsey, Yolo County, CA

Description of nature and purpose of the Project: The purpose of the project is to mechanically thin vegetation along Highway 16 outside of Rumsey, CA to improve ingress and egress for the Capay Valley and decrease wildfire ignition. The project spans approximately one mile of Highway 16 with fuels work beginning approximately half a mile north from the intersection of Rumsey Canyon Rd and Highway 16. Mechanical thinning will be done using chainsaws, other hand tools, and a mower arm (along steep terrain) to reduce the amount of vegetation and modify the arrangement of fuels in the environment. Mechanical treatments can benefit ecosystems by reducing the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires, maintaining and restoring healthy ecosystems, and protecting communities. Work is expected to be performed by a qualified contractor and/or CAL FIRE hand crews with monitoring conducted by Yolo County Resource Conservation District staff or hired consultant.

The project will focus on understory vegetation on both sides of Highway 16 and thinning will occur within Caltrans right of way and extend approximately 20-30 feet from the roadway. Any native trees within the project boundary over six inches diameter at breast height (DBH) will not be removed. If there are elderberry bushes on site, they will not be removed or trimmed. Thinning of understory will not impact large trees and will remove ladder fuels, protecting the canopies of larger trees from fire while opening up the understory.

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, prior to project activities.

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TO

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


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Private Contractor and/or CAL FIRE

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alteration of Land

Reasons the project is exempt: Mechanical treatments can benefit ecosystems by reducing the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires, maintaining and restoring healthy ecosystems, and protecting human communities. The project will not impact large trees and will benefit habitat by decreasing likelihood of catastrophic fire and thinning understory vegetation which will decrease pressure from invasive weeds on native plant understory.

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, or utilities and service systems.

**Signature (Lead Agency)
Name/Title:**



Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Date:

8/15/2024

Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3



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:
57-08162024-089

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	DATE 08/16/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
HIGHWAY 16 FUEL BREAK - CAMP HASWELL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 221 WEST COURT STREET, SUITE 1	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)


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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ **\$50.00**
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ _____ **\$50.00**

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Zuri Hernandez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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