

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Truckee Fire Protection District
10049 Donner Pass Rd.

County Clerk

Truckee, CA 96161

County of: Placer
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Sugar Bowl Ski Team Academy Forest Fuels Reduction

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

T17N R15E Section 20

Project Location - City: Norden Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project area encompasses a very small portion (one acre) of an encroached meadowland which interfaces with 6 developed private parcels. Manual thinning with hand crews and chipping are the fuels reduction treatments proposed throughout the 1-acre project area. The prescription includes motor-manual thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) conifers and shrubs to achieve adequate vertical and horizontal spacing. Residual material will be chipped into chip vans and transported off site. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Truckee Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sugar Bowl Corporation / Katya Christian

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: 15301(h); 15304; 15307
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h), 15304 Section 15307. Pursuant to Section 15301(h) Class one consists of minor alterations of existing facilities and maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth, 15304, Class 4 consists of minor private alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, Section 15307, Class 7 consists of actions by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources. The project involves removal of an abundance of small diameter understory trees and brush species within 100 feet of habitable structures to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels, to reduce wildfire intensity and severity, and comply with PRC 4291 and local ordinances. Field review by Truckee Fire Protection District Forester confirmed that fuel clearance in the project area is required to reduce hazardous fuel conditions adjacent to habitable structures for the safety of the public and emergency responders, and no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to vegetation in the form of hand thinning, mastication, mechanical tree removal, and chipping. The trees being removed are in a suppressed state and are not considered healthy. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to non-forest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. The Truckee Fire Protection District has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/land, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the department is kept on file at Truckee Fire Protection District Station 91, located at 10049 Donner Pass Road in Truckee CA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dillon Sheedy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-536-8020

If filed by applicant:

- 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: [Signature] Date: 9/26/24 Title: Forester #3175

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.
Date Received for filing at OPR: