



Notice of Exemption

To: [ ] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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[X] County Clerk
County of Red Bluff
633 Washington Street, Room 111
Red Bluff, CA. 96080

From: Tehama County RCD
PO Box 1232
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Project Title: TinderSmart- Firefighter II Training Exercise

Project Location - Specific: See Attachment A

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TEHAMA COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
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Project Location - City: See Attachment A (Centroid of proposed project area: 40°09'34"N
122°12'25"W)

Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project aims to provide training (FFII) to Tehama and Glenn County Agency Personnel (RCD's). The proposed project location is at the US Forest Service Admin area located at the south portion of East Sand Slough - Inland in a non Wetland or Riparian Area, which was previously a spoil site during the construction of East Sand Slough Side Channel Project components will include "cutting line" - a strip of bare dirt or mineral soil that Firefighters create to stop the spread of fire. The line is typically 6" to 3ft. wide depending on the slope. Additional component training will be "digging hole" for file shelter. Digging hole that is ~20cm deep. Hole and line will be infilled post training to original state with no difference in landscape before and post training. Anticipated project date(s): October 15-17 2024.

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

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

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));

X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 § 15304

[ ] Statutory Exemption. State code number:

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The program qualifies as a class 4 Categorical Exemption as Project work will consist of minor reductions in landscape within Tehama County project location including (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.. During the preparation of this Notice of Exemption, the California Natural Diversity Database was checked for both State and Federally listed species. Although listed species may be present within Project areas, impacts to these plants and animals will be limited as vegetation treatments will not be conducted to a degree that will result in their reduction. no impacts to raptors or other avian species are anticipated. All permanent and seasonal streams flowing through Project treatment areas will be protected by no treatment buffers.

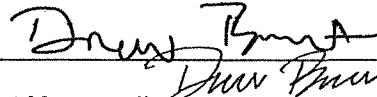
**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Drew Barnhart

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530- 727-1280

**If filed by applicant:**

- 1) Attached certified document of exemption finding.
- 2) Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:   
*Drew Barnhart*

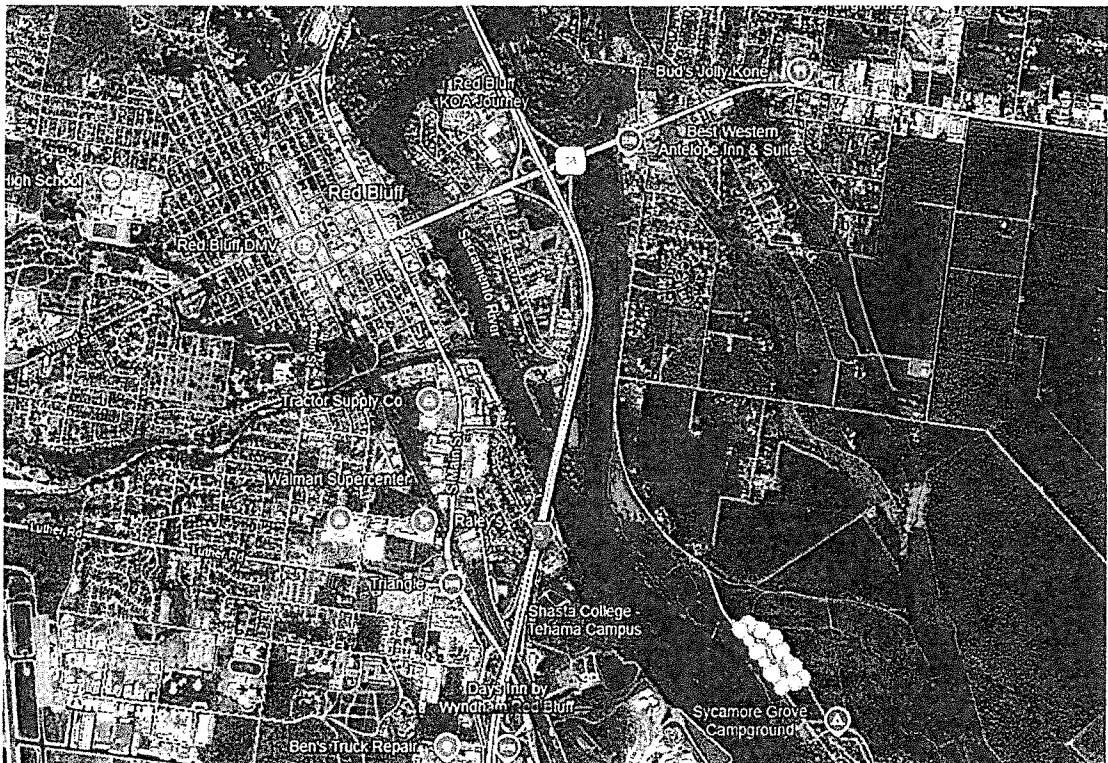
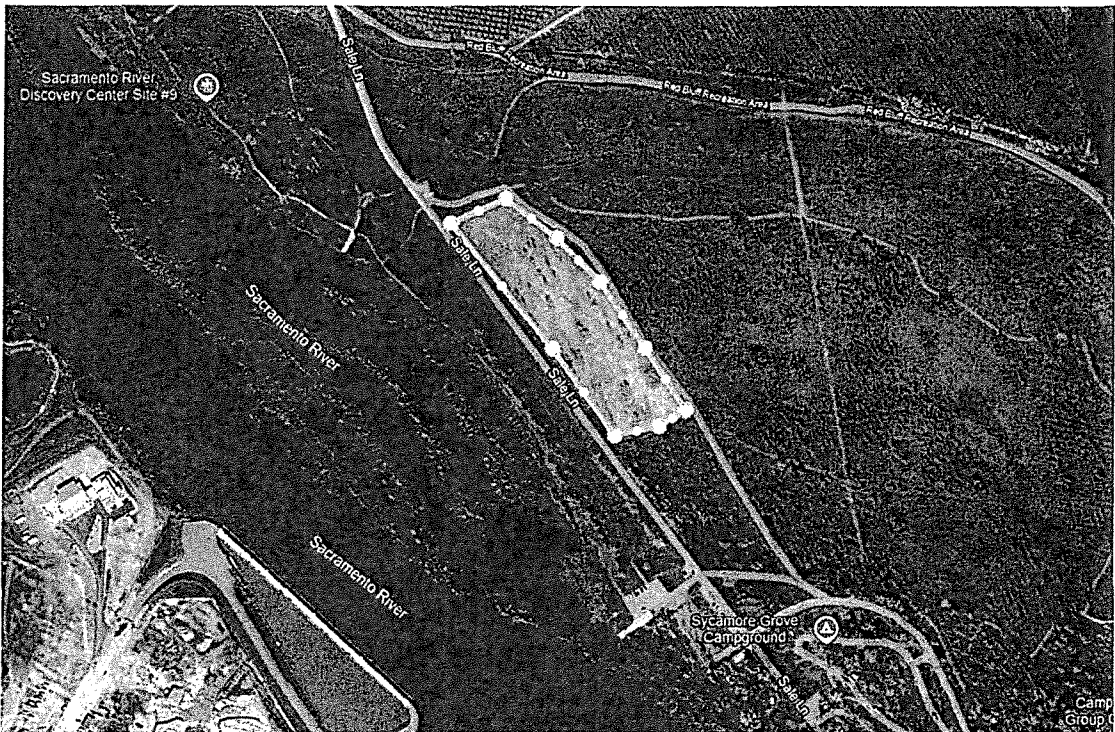
Date: 9/12/2024  
*9/12/2024*

Title: Project Manager II

- Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

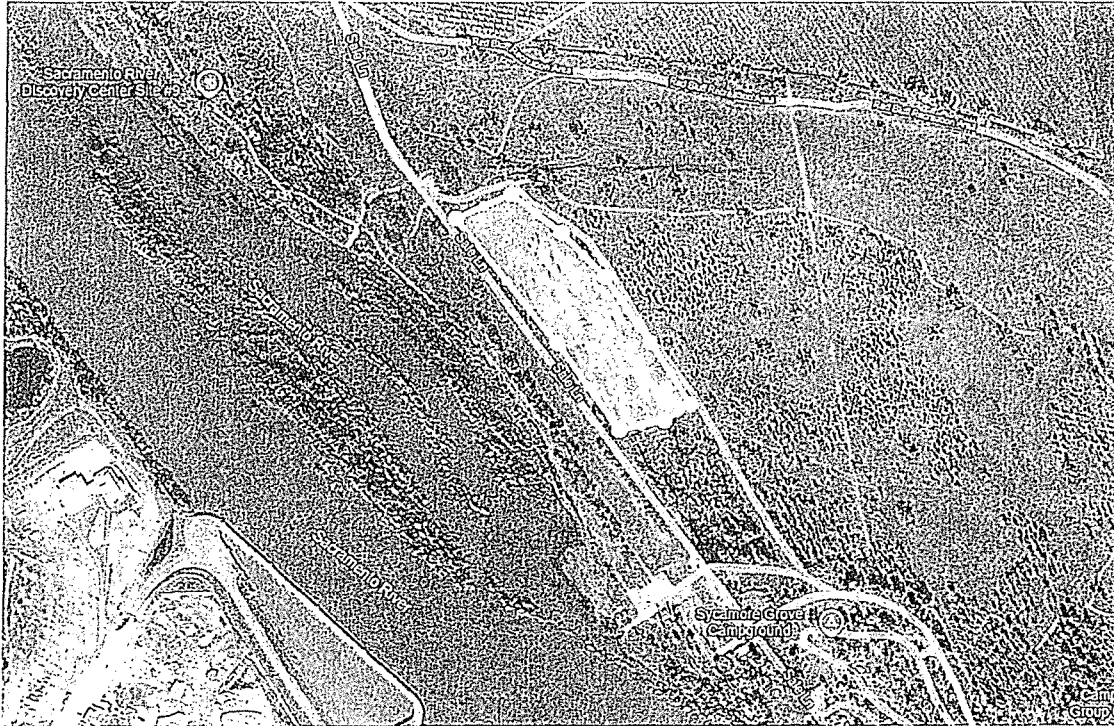
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# Attachment A: Project Location



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DISTRICT

Attachment A: Project Location



## Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 § 15304

### Section 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land

Class 4 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. Examples include but are not limited to:

- (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist.
- (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.
- (c) Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site.
- (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production.
- (e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.
- (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.
- (g) Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.
- (h) The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.
- (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

*Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15304*

1. Amendment of subsections (a) and (b) and new subsection (i) filed 10-26-98; operative 10-26-98 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21087 (Register 98, No. 44).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending NOTE filed 10-6-2005 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2005, No. 40).

*Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.*

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