

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency):
Pit Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 301 Bieber, CA 96009

County Clerk
County of: Lassen
220 South Lassen Street Suite 5
Susanville, CA 96130

Project Title: Stoney Breaker Prescribed Fire Project

Project Applicant: Pit Resource Conservation District

Project Location – Specific

T38N R08E sections 22 and 27 MDBM

Project Location – City: Near the community of Bieber

Project Location – County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed activities include fuels reduction treatments including prescribed fire as well as utilizing hand cutting and piling, mastication. Future maintenance would be included to ensure the effectiveness of the original implementation. Methods will include the use of mechanical and hand tools for site prep and ignition devices for broadcast burning. Existing roads and trails will be utilized for control lines to avoid ground disturbing impacts to the extent feasible. Heavy equipment may also be used to create and hold fire lines. Maintenance methods would include hand treatment, mastication, broadcast burning, targeted grazing, and herbicide application. Broadcast burning would be used on a frequency to approximate the historical fire regime, while herbicide would be used to reduce the density and continuity of resprouting brush and to control invasive, non-native weeds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pit Resource Conservation District

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

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));
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resource Code 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to fuel reduction projects undertaken in whole or in part on federal lands to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA, if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The proposed project was reviewed in under the following Bureau of Land Management NEPA document: Sage-Steppe Restoration Projects (DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2020-0012-DNA) and the Natural Resource Conservation Services Environmental Evaluation Worksheet CP52 (749104221MT).

Lead Agency

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 299-3405

Contact Person: Sharmie Stevenson

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?

Signature:  Date: 9/16/24 Title: Executive Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: Reference: Sections 21108, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.