

COUNTY RECORDER

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Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name

221 West Court Street Suite 1

Address

Woodland, CA 95695

City, State, Zip

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Yolo County - Clerk-Recorder

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Notice of Exemption

To:

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

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
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Woodland, CA 95695
adams@yolorcd.org

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

Project Title: Low Intensity Broadcast Burn on Vigil Farm Property

Project Location – Specific: 25065 County Road 22, Esparto CA 95627

Project Location – City: Esparto, CA

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project: This prescribed fire project is in collaboration between Yolo Prescribed Burn Association (coordinated by Yolo County Resource Conservation District) and a private landowner located outside of Esparto, CA. The project has been designed with insight from CAL FIRE LNU and local fire protection districts.

The purpose of the 4.5-acre prescribed burn is to manage vegetation in an open, unmanaged grassland area on the property (which also has a small farm) and to restore native vegetation to the grassland. The project site is an open field that is impacted by invasive species including medusahead (*Elymus caput-medusae*), *Bromus spp.*, goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*), wild oat (*Avena fatua*), among other invasive/non-native vegetation. The site is currently an open grassland that has been previously grazed and may be used for agriculture or grazing in the future, to be determined by the landowner. The purpose of the burn is wildland vegetation management to reduce the continuity of fuels, control invasive species, and improve grassland habitat for greater resiliency to wildfire and ecosystem health. A secondary objective is prescribed fire training and capacity building for landowners and community members to safely

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use fire as a landscape stewardship tool under the supervision and guidance of trained fire professionals.

The prescribed fire, which is expected to occur initially in Fall 2024, but may also be conducted again in spring or subsequent years, will be planned in accordance with permitting and compliance required by CAL FIRE LNU and the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District. The 4.5-acre burn will have containment lines installed by the landowner which include box scrape/dozer lines. The prescribed burn will occur only when conditions meet what is outlined in a burn plan and with approval from the landowner.

A biological assessment conducted by the Yolo County RCD concluded that there are no sensitive flora or fauna species within the project site. There are a number of sensitive animal species, including threatened bird and insect populations, which could occur within a one-to-five-mile radius outside of the project site. Yolo County RCD staff will perform wildlife surveys in the weeks leading up to the burn to ensure species are not found within the project site.

Low to moderate intensity fire results in levels of disturbance that are beneficial to California native ecosystems and the species that comprise them. Any trees within the project boundary are not expected to be impacted by low-intensity broadcast burning.

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, Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land

Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is a low-intensity prescribed burn to improve grassland by removing invasive weeds, with a broader goal of improving community wildfire resiliency through raised awareness and training about prescribed burning as a land management tool. The proposed unit is located in rural agricultural land in Yolo County and is historically categorized as oak

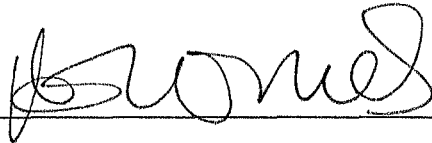
savannah and grassland. The burn plan will identify hazard mitigation tactics and ensure the conservation of ecological and cultural resources. To define the perimeter of the burn, site preparation for the project may include mowing or box scraping with a tractor which will be performed by the private landowner. Under the specified prescription, the burn will have low intensity and minimal heat resulting in the combustion of fine fuels only.

Project implementation will not result in significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species. The project will principally be carried out with hand tools and not mechanized equipment and will result in revegetation that will improve habitat for native wildlife and pollinators. 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. Given the size and nature of the project, it is consistent with the Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land Exemption under CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact: Heather Nichols

Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

Signature (Lead Agency):



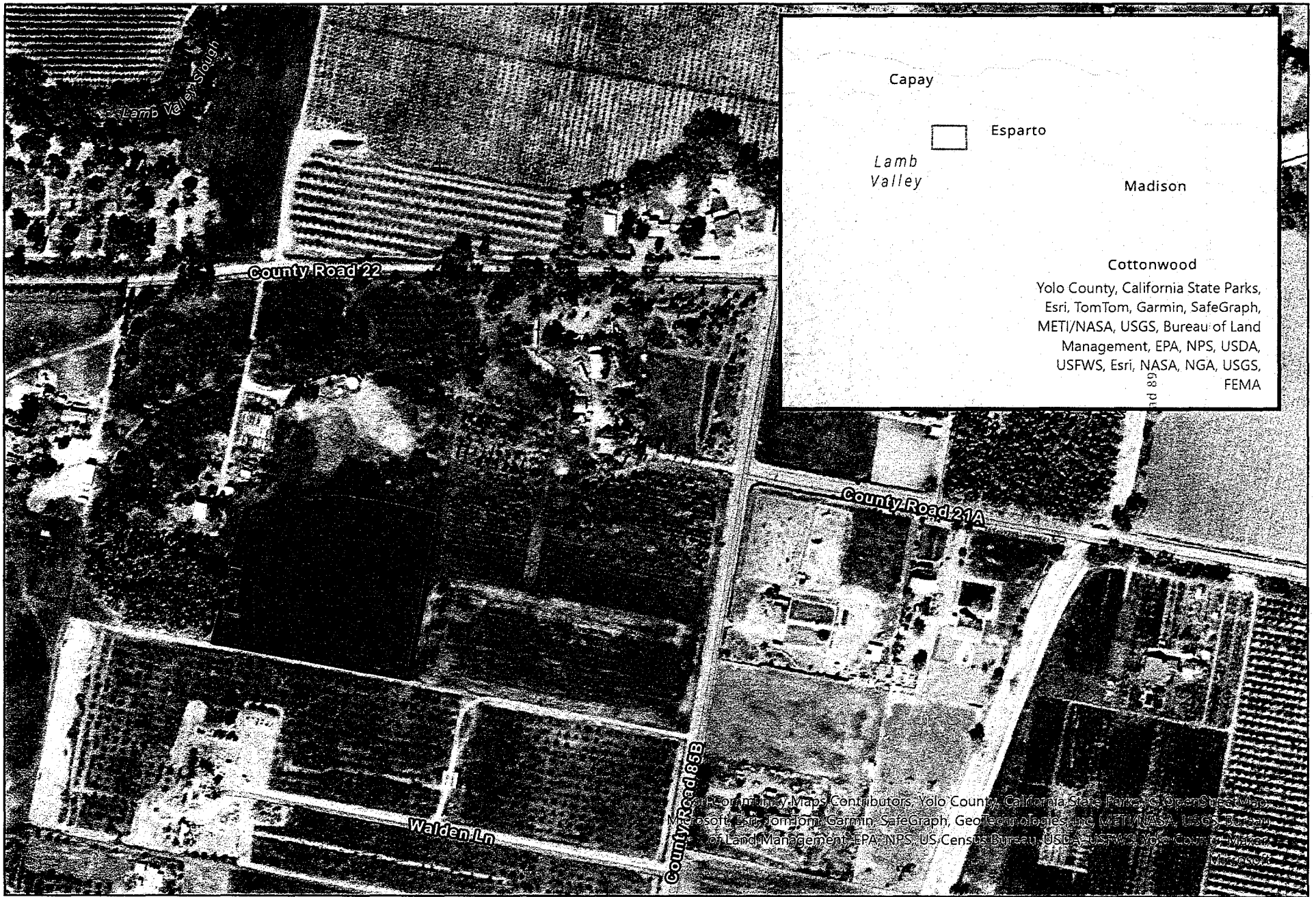
Date:

9/20/2024

Name/Title:

Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Vigil Broadcast Burn Unit



Capay

Lamb Valley

County Road 16B

County Road 21A

County Road 22

Walden Ln

Esarto

Madison

Cottonwood

Yolo County, California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS, Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA

Legend

 Burn Unit

0 380 760 1,520 Feet



Map Contributors: Yolo County, California State Parks, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, Geotechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS, Yolo County, Mapbox



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: 57-09202024-111
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 09/20/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 LOW INTENSITY BROADCAST BURN ON VIGIL FARM PROPERTY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$ _____
<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	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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Vigil NOE

Authorized: AP
Project: RFFC
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Thank you

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