

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Nevada

950 Maidu Ave

Nevada City, CA 95959

From: (Public Agency): City of Nevada City  
317 Broad Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959

(Address)

Project Title: 2024 Nevada City Roadway Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: City of Nevada City

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: Nevada City Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Fuel reduction work along roadways that serve as significant ingress and egress for wildfire evacuations, along transmission lines, and near other PG&E infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Nevada City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lisa McCandless

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: Section 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt:

Field review by Nevada City Office of Emergency Services confirmed that fuel clearance in the project area is required to reduce hazardous fire conditions adjacent to public roads and critical infrastructure and no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of hand thinning, chipping, and mastication. The trees being removed are in a suppressed state and are not considered scenic or healthy. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. The project exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (minor alterations to land) because the project involves the removal of trees and vegetation for the purpose of fuel management along roadways, the removal of unhealthy trees, or the removal of trees and vegetation that pose a life safety hazard to persons and property and require removal.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Lisa McCandless Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-265-2496

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:  Date: 10/4/2023 Title: City Planner

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_