

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk  
County of: Modoc  
108 E. Modoc Street  
Alturas, CA 96101

(Address)

Project Title: Burlington-Scarface Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Pit RCD

Project Location - Specific:  
-121°17.2997372'W 41°24.2766830'N

Project Location - City: Scarface Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Burlington-Scarface Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project is funded by CAL FIRE to reduce hazardous fuels along forest roads and the Burlington Santa Fe Railway for the protection of federal and private forest lands and roads. The project will serve to assist first responders and fire fighters combat wildland fires, reduce wildfire intensity, contribute to the continuity of federal and private fuel reduction efforts, and protect forested lands of California from the risk catastrophic wildfire. The proposed project benefits local landowners, first responders, and emergency resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pit Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stewardship West

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: Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

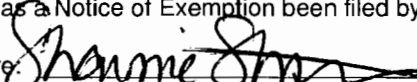
Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits under Categorical Exemption, 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (class 4) which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation and hazard tree removal so long as it does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of waters. The proposed project has been designed to protect private infrastructure, hydrology, and water and soil resources to prevent significant erosion or sedimentation of waters. The project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption. Field review confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. Environmental review consistent with California Environmental Quality Act has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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 or traffic, utilities and service systems, soils, or to wildfire. The project is design to protect private infrastructure from wildfire and provide safer ingress and egress for landowners, first responders, and emergency resources. The project will have no significant adverse effects on the environment.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sharmie Stevenson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-299-3405

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: 1/4/25 Title: Executive Director

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_