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**COUNTY RECORDER**

Filing Requested by:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Name

221 West Court Street Suite 1

Address

Woodland, CA 95695

City, State, Zip

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**

Yolo County Clerk-Recorder  
625 Court Street, Room B-01  
Woodland, CA 95695  
meyer@yolorcd.org

**From:**

Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
221 West Court Street, Suite 1  
Woodland, CA 95695

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

**Project Title:** Yolo County Weed Management Area – Countywide Invasive Weed Treatment

**Project Location – Specific:** Various Sites in Yolo County

**Project Location – City:** All

**Project Location – County:** Yolo

**Description of nature and purpose of the Project:**

The mission of the Yolo County Weed Management Area (WMA) is to promote and coordinate efforts toward the management and control of the county’s noxious weeds through education and cooperation with landowners, agencies, organizations and the general public. For decades, the Yolo County Weed Management Area has managed and educated farmers, restoration professionals, municipal workers and the public on emerging, established, and widespread wildland weeds. In recent years, the Yolo County WMA has focused its efforts on Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) weeds which includes Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*), woolly distaff thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*), purple star thistle (*Centaurea calcitrapa*), silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), whitetop (*Lepidium draba*), yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*), phragmites, arundo and oblong spurge (*Euphorbia oblongata*) and others listed at <https://yolorcd.org/what-we-do/yolo-county-weed-management-area/>.

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) manages and coordinates the Yolo County WMA and will perform weed work on small populations of weeds at up to 25 locations across Yolo County where EDRR weeds have been mapped for a total of about 250 acres. Weed patches will usually be small in that footprint. The goal of weed treatment is to control these small and

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emerging populations of highly aggressive invasive plants that are (or could) degrade natural habitat and agricultural lands, limit access, and further spread throughout the county. These small populations lower the quality of wildlife habitat and have the potential to degrade rangeland and agricultural lands in Yolo County.

Yolo County RCD will visit the sites, assess invasive weeds, and implement treatment plans to eradicate the weed using mechanical (hand pulling) and low volume herbicide treatment. Herbicides are recommended by a Pest Control Advisor (PCA), and are chosen for their effectiveness on the plant species and have either "Caution" or "Warning" labels, which are less harmful to humans and wildlife. Herbicide application will be performed with backpack sprayers or ATV mounted sprayers, and application will be conducted by certified and licensed RCD staff under our herbicide application permit issued by the County of Yolo Agricultural Commissioner. Staff use best management practices to prevent spills and drift, and to treat weeds that are intermingled with native vegetation to ensure habitat and wildlife protection.

**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: Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15304- Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The invasive weeds included in this project are aggressive and competitive and monopolize resources (moisture, nutrients, and sunlight) from surrounding plants impacting native vegetation and threatening agriculture. To protect biodiversity and agriculture, weed treatment is vital to reduce the impact of existing weed populations and prevent emerging weeds from being established. The project is minor in scope and may result in minor 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.

The project meets the requirements of Categorical Exemption, Title 14, Section 15304, Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land). Project implementation includes selective treatment and eradication

of non-native invasive weeds which results in the restoration, enhancement, and protection of the environment. This project meets the requirements to be considered exempt pursuant to Section 15304 of the CEQA guidelines because it will: 1) reduce the threat of invasive weeds to native ecosystems, 2) promote biodiversity, 3) restore and preserve working landscapes.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Heather Nichols

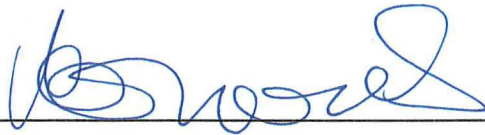
**Phone:** (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

If filed by Applicant:

Attach a certified document of exemption finding

Has a notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature (Lead Agency):



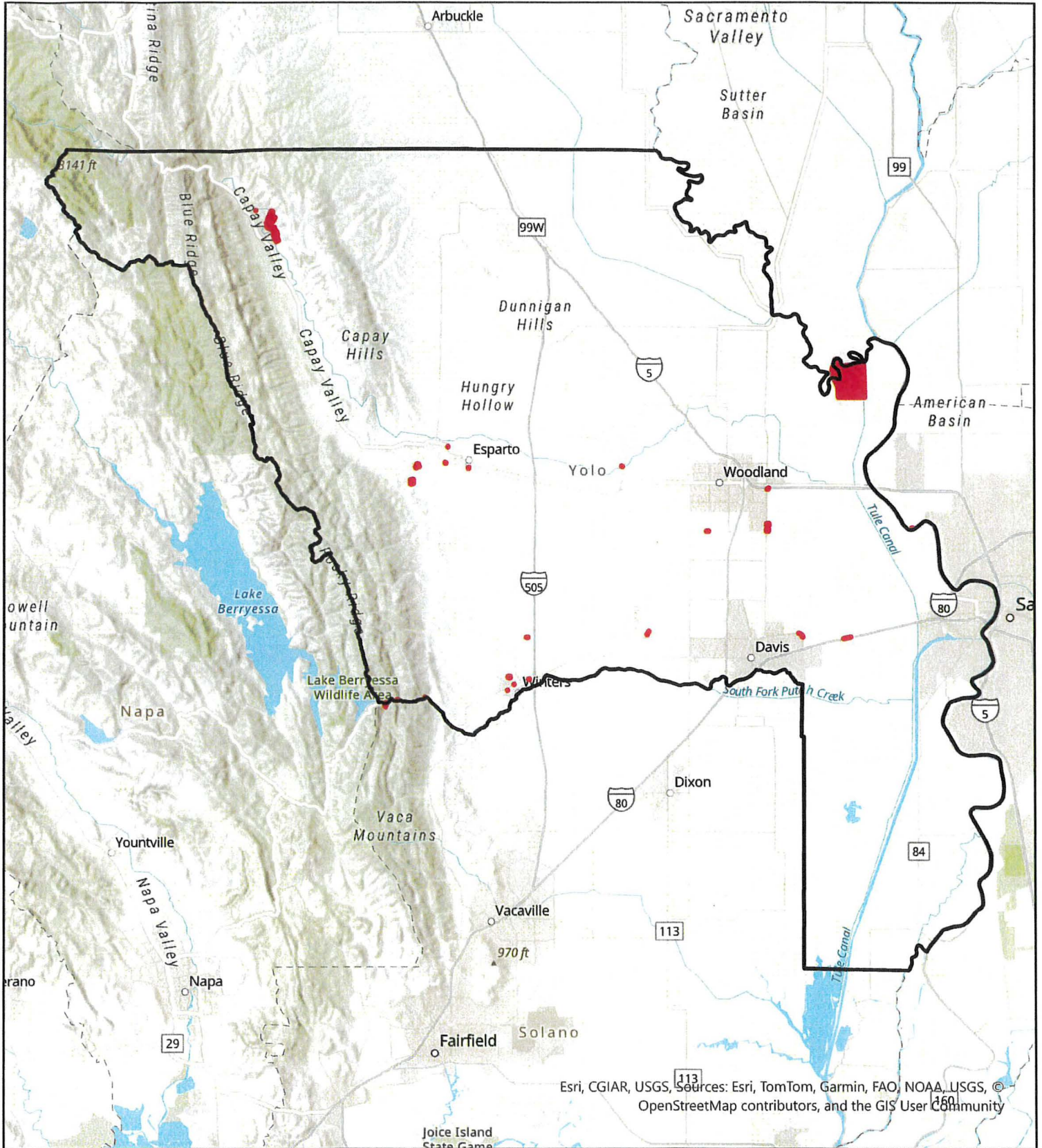
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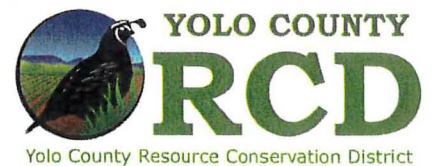
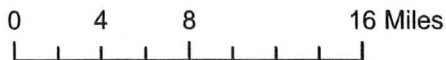
Heather Nichols, Executive Director

# Yolo County Weed Management Area



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-  Yolo County WMA Area
-  Yolo County WMA Target Treatment Sites





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 57-02142025-015
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 02/14/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING YOLO		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE  
 YOLO COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA- COUNTY WIDE INVASIVE WEED TREATMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YOLO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL meyer@yolorcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (530) 661-1688
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 221 WEST COURT STREET, SUITE 1	CITY WOODLAND	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95695

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)


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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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