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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

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

From:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District
221 West Court Street, Suite 1
Woodland, CA 95695
meyer@yolorcd.org

Project Title: Oak Woodland Health – Ladder Fuels Reduction at Bobcat Ranch

Project Location – Specific: 25929-45 County Road 34 Winters, CA; APNs: 030050005000, 030050006000

Project Location – City: Winters

Project Location – County: Yolo

Description of nature and purpose of the Project:

Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is working in partnership with Audubon California's Bobcat Ranch to limb up oak trees along an access road to protect trees from impacts from wildfire. Additional work may occur along a perpendicular wash. Fuels from limbing in that area will be stacked into habitat piles or burn piles.

This project is part of an Oak Woodland Health block grant funded by CALFIRE through the California Association of RCDs. Oak woodland habitat has declined in the last century due to drought and wildfire. Because blue oaks and valley oaks currently have poor regeneration, there is a concern that oak woodlands are slowly changing into savannas and grasslands with low diversity of tree age throughout the woodland. Limbing up oak trees will potentially protect trees from catastrophic wildfire as it will help prevent fire from entering the tree canopy. Lower limbs and branches that are close to the ground or surrounding vegetation pose a risk as ladder fuels to carry fire into the canopy and across the landscape creating dangerous conditions.

Limbing will be done mechanically by trained RCD staff. Trimmed branches will be chipped and chips will be used in restoration projects on the ranch. Large equipment, like trucks and the chipper, will stay on the existing farm road.

Work may occur during nesting bird season. If work commences during nesting bird season (February 1st to September 15th) the project area will be surveyed for nesting birds no more than

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one week prior to operations by a qualified biologist. If nesting birds are located, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District will develop measures that minimize impacts and are consistent with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

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 § 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This oak woodland enhancement project meets the requirements of Class 33 Categorical Exemption (small habitat restoration projects) Section 15333 as the project is under 5 acres. 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.

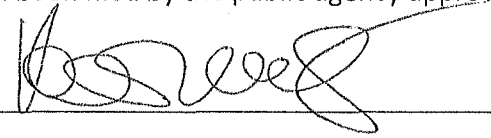
Lead Agency Contact: Heather Nichols

Phone: (530) 661-1688 ext. 3

If filed by Applicant:

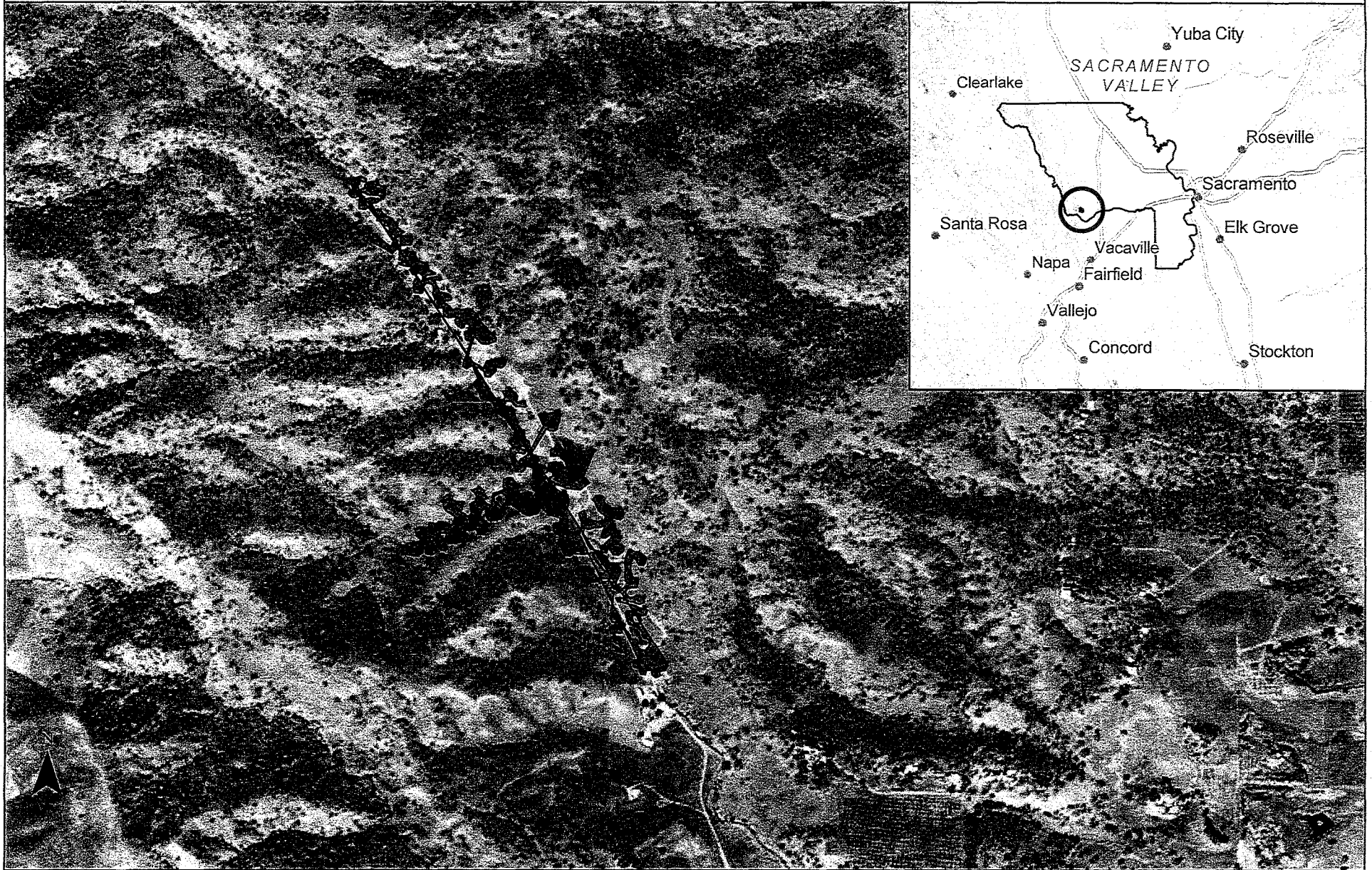
Attach a certified document of exemption finding


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

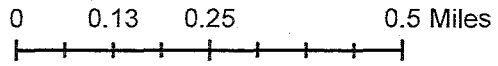
Signature (Lead Agency):  Date: 2/27/2025

Name/Title: Heather Nichols, Executive Director

Oak Ladder Fuels Reduction



 Oak limbing area (20.9 acres)





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

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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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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 \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

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