

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): El Dorado Resource Conservation District  
100 Forni Road, Suite A, Placerville, CA 95667

County Clerk  
County of: El Dorado

(Address)

Project Title: City of Placerville Community Wildfire Resiliency Strategy

Project Applicant: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The project area spans approximately 80,000 acres and encompasses the city limits of

Project Location - City: Placerville Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Placerville Community Wildfire Resiliency Strategy (CWRS) is a wildfire protection planning document that resulted from a collaborative stakeholder-driven planning process. The planning document informs the City and surrounding unincorporated County residents about the region's wildfire history, the wildfire hazards and risks and protection priorities, and provides a framework for the future identification and prioritization of landscape-level fuels treatment projects and other potential wildfire risk reduction and preparedness strategies. Agencies and community groups can use this framework to develop future hazardous fuels reduction projects and community education programs that are ready to be considered for federal and state grant funding.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 21150; CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

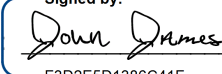
The project is exempt because the adoption of the Placerville CWRS will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Additionally, the Placerville CWRS is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, which exempts feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report or negative declaration provided environmental factors are considered. The purpose of the Placerville CWRS is to assess wildfire hazards and risks, provide information to plan, select, and prioritize future wildfire prevention, preparedness, and resiliency activities and actions, including landscape-level fuels reduction treatments, defensible space creation and maintenance projects, home hardening programs, and public education and outreach programs; and enable such activities to be eligible for state and federal funding. The Placerville CWRS does not itself involve physical alterations to the environment and does not commit the City, County, El Dorado RCD, or any other agency or entity to a particular course of action. Future activities are contingent upon projects eligible for available funding and the review and approval by the authorizing jurisdiction. Any activities or actions that are recommended or included in the Placerville CWRS may be modified or denied in their entirety. Further, if future wildfire prevention and preparedness activities are undertaken later, the public agency authorizing such activities will be required to comply with CEQA, as applicable on a case-by-case basis.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Mark Egbert Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-295-0120

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

Signed by: Down James Date: 3/4/2025 Title: President

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.