

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

2281 Tulare Street

Fresno CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Resource Conservation District
P.O. Box 693
Auberry Ca 93602

(Address)

Project Title: Auberry Prescribed Burn Project

Project Applicant: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

S24T10SR23E,S18T10SR24E,S18T10SR24E,S16T10SR24E,S13T10SR23E,S12T10

Project Location - City: Auberry

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project will implement prescribed burning and pile burning activities to improve fire resilience and forest/community health while protecting environmental, natural, and cultural resources. Sierra RCD is working with Eastern Fresno County landowners to conduct small-scale, low complexity prescribed burns and pile burns. They will be utilized as fuels management tools to decrease fuel continuity and reduce the probability of catastrophic wildfire. The proposed project benefits private landowners, suppression resources, and the ecological integrity of their forested lands. This project ensures no negative environmental impact.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kelly Kucharski

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: 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project exempts minor alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Kucharski Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-855-5840

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: 03/20/2025 Title: District Manager

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: _____