



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: E202510000089
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF FRESNO	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/10/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY		DOCUMENT NUMBER E202510000089

PROJECT TITLE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW NO. 8711-WHITAKER FOREST ROADSIDE FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF FRESNO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 600-4245
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2220 TULARE STREET, SUITE A	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93721

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Cierra Loera Deputy Clerk
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County of Fresno
Clerk's Office
James A. Kus

Elections Department
(559) 600-8683

Clerk Services Department
(559) 600-2575

Finalization 2025007190
4/10/2025 11:21 AM
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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 11:21 AM	
Recording Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Credit Card #305777221	\$50.00
Amount Due	\$0.00

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THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

- TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- County Clerk, County of Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

FILED
APR 10 2025
TIME 11:22am
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By *[Signature]*
DEPUTY
For County Clerk's Stamp

FROM: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
2220 Tulare Street (corner of Tulare and "M") Suite "A", Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Review No. 8711 – Whitaker Forest Roadside Fuel Reduction Project

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: Unincorporated area along approximately 1,159.3 feet of Whitaker Forest Road coming north from Tulare County, through Fresno County, and returning into Tulare County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: This project will focus on the modification of vegetation along the roadway by reducing the available fuel, securing the vital ingress and egress route for residents and visitors for the Hartland Christian Camp evacuating from fast moving wildland fires, and reducing the spread of fire from the wildland to the wildland-urban interface. The project will remove fuel approximately 40 feet on either side of the roadway, creating an approximately 110-foot-wide area and securing a secondary evacuation route.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: County of Fresno

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Jesse Renteria, Division Chief
Operation, Tulare County Fire Department.

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical exemption: Article 19 Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Categorical exemption: Article 19, Class 7, Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources. Categorical exemption: Article 19, Class 8, Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment.

REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project meets the requirements of a CEQA Article 19 Class 4 Categorical Exemption "Minor Alterations to Land" (Section 15304), Class 7 Categorical Exemption "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources (Section 15307), and Class 8 Categorical Exemption Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (Section 15308) as the proposed fuel management activities entail understory brush removal, invasive trees ranging from 3-18" DBH, thinning, pruning, chipping, from an existing roadway, and dead/tree removal to improve access for fire engines and reduce volume of flammable vegetation. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; Class 7 includes actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment; and Class 8 entails actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

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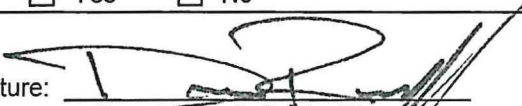
As such, Fresno County has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities, and service systems, or to wildfire. No exceptions apply (Section 15300.2) which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this Project.

LEAD AGENCY

CONTACT PERSON: Arianna Brown

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE: (559) 600-4245

<p>If filed by the applicant:</p> <p>1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.</p> <p>2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Signature: 
Dave Randall, Senior Planner
Development Services & Capital Projects Division

Date: 4/10/25

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

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