

# Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**From:**

Mendocino County Planning & Building  
860 North Bush Street  
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Contact:  
Phone: 707-234-6650

**This project is exempt from recording fees per Government Code §27383.**

Project Title: Round Valley Airport Burn

Project Applicant: County of Mendocino

Project Location - Specific: Approximately 0.69 miles west of the town of Covelo on the south side of Airport Road (CR 337-B) and the north side of South Airport Road (CR 340) at 22830 S. Airport Road, Covelo (Round Valley Airport)

Project Location - City: Covelo, CA Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Broadcast burn of 100 acres grassland for fuels reduction and wildfire protection of structures and facilities at Covelo Community Park, managed by the Round Valley Lions Club and the County of Mendocino. This will provide a "black" safety zone in the event of evacuation for the community as a whole and fuels reduction to prevent fire potential during high threat season.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: COVELO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND MENDOCINO COUNTY AIR QUALITY DISTRICT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Round Valley Prescribed Burn Association and Torchbearr

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21070(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304(i) – Minor Alterations to Land / Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation.
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt: §15304(i) provides exceptions for minor alterations to land, including fuels reduction projects. This area has been historically burned annually into the early 2000s by Covelo Volunteer Fire Department as a training exercise and fuels reduction project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Russ Ford, Senior Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-234-6650

**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: April 17, 2025 Title: Senior Planner

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.