

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: El Dorado

From: (Public Agency): El Dorado Resource Conservation District
100 Forni Road, Suite A
Placerville, CA 95667

(Address)

Project Title: Caldor Forest and Community Restoration Project - Sierra at Tahoe Reforestation

Project Applicant: El Dorado Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Eastern El Dorado County, south of US Hwy 50, 12 miles southwest of S Lake Tahoe.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed action would include implementation reforestation activities in accordance with the proposed action and design features presented in the NEPA EA for the Caldor Fire Restoration Project (see Appendices B and C of the NEPA EA; USFS 2025a). Work will occur in phases and in accordance with funding and authorization by the Eldorado National Forest.

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: Section 15304, Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1), as amended by Assembly Bill 211 (effective September 27, 2022) exempts from the requirements of CEQA prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, and fuel reduction projects, and other related activities included in the project description, including the issuance of permits or other approvals for those projects, undertaken in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) if the role of the state or local agency is to provide funding or staffing for those projects, or if the state or local agency is undertaking the projects pursuant to the federal Good Neighbor Authority (Public Law 113-79) or a stewardship agreement with the federal government entered into pursuant to Public Law 113-79.

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

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/21/25 Title: Vice-President

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: