

## Notice of Determination

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From: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District  
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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination  
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019012052

**Project Title:** McKinleyville Vegetation Treatment Project

**Project Location:** The project is located generally between the communities of McKinleyville and Fieldbrook in Humboldt County, California.

**Project Description:** The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum (PSA/Addendum) for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The McKinleyville Vegetation Treatment Project (project or proposed project) consists of vegetation treatments for wildfire risk reduction and forest health improvement on approximately 3,641 acres, encompassing 3,043 acres of land owned by Green Diamond Resource Company (Green Diamond) and approximately 598 acres of land owned by the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) in western Humboldt County, between McKinleyville and Fieldbrook, two communities north of Arcata, California.

The project area consists of privately owned commercial forest land and a publicly owned community forest. The CalVTP treatment types that would be implemented are shaded fuel breaks and wildland-urban interface (WUI) fuel reduction. The proposed CalVTP treatment activities are mechanical vegetation treatment, manual vegetation treatment, prescribed fire, and targeted herbicide application. Biomass would be processed on-site in the form of pile burning or broadcast burning or vegetation that would be cut and piled, chipped, or lopped and scattered. Prescribed burning and herbicide treatments would not be implemented on MCSD lands.

Equipment used to implement fuel breaks and WUI fuel reduction would consist of:

- ▶ Mechanical Treatments: tracked feller-bunchers, wheeled skidding machines, skid steers, excavators, bulldozers, track or wheel mounted chippers, and/or track mounted masticators.
- ▶ Manual Treatments: chainsaws, hand saws, brush cutters, weed wrenches, chippers, and loppers.
- ▶ Herbicide Application: batch truck, passenger vehicle, back-pack spray equipment, and all-terrain vehicles.
- ▶ Prescribed Fire: water truck, fire-truck, passenger vehicles, drip torch or propane torch, skidgine, fire hoses, bulldozers, skid steers and track mounted equipment to create fire line and other equipment suitable for fire suppression.

Treatment activities would range from 3 days to 6 months for mechanical and manual treatments, 1 week to 6 months for herbicide application, and 1 day to 7 days for prescribed burns. Retreatment for maintenance of desired vegetation conditions in the areas initially treated for the proposed project would be ongoing and continuous in the treatment area, as funding and land management authorizations allow.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the HCRCD ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on January 9, 2025 and has made the following determinations related to the PSA/Addendum):

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The McKinleyville Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape from the CalVTP Program EIR would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address these changes to the program.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by the HCRCD.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the McKinleyville Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum and record of project approval is available to the general public on the HCRCD website: <https://humboldtrcd.org/>.

Signature:   
Title: Executive Director  
Date: 1/10/2025

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