

## Notice of Determination

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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:** Hoyt-Purdon Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Project (SNC1550)

**Project Location:** Private land in the South Yuba River canyon, approximately two miles northwest of Nevada City and four miles north of Grass Valley in Placer County

**Project Description:** SNC would provide funding to American Rivers to implement vegetation treatments on up to 570 acres of private land. The proposed treatment type is a Wildland-Urban Interface Fuels Reduction within tree and shrub fuel types. The proposed treatment activities would include prescribed burning (including both pile burning and broadcast burning), manual and mechanical treatments. Ongoing maintenance of initial treatments would involve the same vegetation treatment types and activities used in the initial treatment. American Rivers has applied to Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for grant funding to implement the project. SNC and American Rivers have prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR and provide environmental information to SNC and American Rivers in compliance with CEQA. The Hoyt-Purdon Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Project PSA/Addendum was prepared to evaluate the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP PEIR. SNC is the CEQA lead agency, using this PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP EIR for CEQA review of the project.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the SNC Board ( Lead Agency) approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Hoyt-Purdon Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP PEIR 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 PEIR.
  - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
  - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape 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 the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the PEIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP PEIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by the SNC Governing Board for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by the SNC Governing Board for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Hoyt-Purdon Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at SNC at 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603.

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Date: 6/1/2023  
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Dated Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

