

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 1041, SAN ANDREAS, CA 95249

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PROJECT TITLE	Forest Meadows/Wylderidge Fuels Reduction Project; Agreement #5GG20172; Project # 20-FP-TCU-0102		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections: 25 & 26, T4N, R14E, MDBM	COUNTY	Calaveras
LEAD AGENCY	Calaveras County Resource Conservation District		
CONTACT	Gordon Long		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Forest Meadows/Wylderidge Fuels Reduction Project is adjacent to and includes portions of the Forest Meadows and Wylderidge Communities on the Hwy 4 corridor, four miles east of Murphys in Calaveras County. It is bounded by Highway 4 on the north, the Darby Russel Road and Wylderidge Drive on the east, and the Forest Meadows Subdivision on the south and west. A smaller, second unit is located southeast of the Forest Meadows subdivision. The elevation range is 3,160 to 3,680 feet. Reducing fuels in the project area will provide protection to the northern flank of these communities from fires emanating from Hwy 4 and will connect with both the "Forest Meadows Middle" and "Darby Knob Unit of the Murphys to Forest Meadows" fuelbreaks which provide protection on the eastern and southern flanks of these communities. The project area is located within the Cal Water Hydrologic Unit: #18040010; Stanislaus River.

The project area includes roughly 200 acres of private land with 165 treatment acres. The project area consists of 49 parcels with 23 habitable structures. About 35 acres within the 200-acre project area have been excluded from treatment because they are PRC 4291 Defensible Space acres (landowner responsibility), have previously been cleared by the landowners, or are excluded for resource protection measures, leaving approximately 165 acres remaining to be treated. The site includes a mixture of Sierran hardwood and conifer species. The fuels reduction treatment will be a mixture of pruning, thinning and mechanical mastication or hand work with chipping on site, targeting ladder fuels (brush and small trees).

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 **Minor Alterations to Land**
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. An environmental review was conducted to confirm that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included an on-the-ground field inspection by a Registered Professional Forester on various dates from July 2021 to March 2022. A project description and Biological/Aquatic/Watercourse Technical Memorandum was provided to CDFG and the CA Central Valley Water Board on February 5, 2022; recommendations received were incorporated into the associated Environmental Review Report Form.

The District 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, wildfire or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the District is kept on file at District Office in San Andreas, CA.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

(ENDORSED)
FILED

County of Calaveras
Rebecca Turner
County Clerk-Recorder

05-2022-013

03/15/2022

[Signature]
ssimpson, Deputy Clerk

[Signature] Gordon Long, Executive Director
Calaveras County Resource Conservation District

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CALAVERAS COUNTY

REBECCA TURNER -- County Clerk-Recorder

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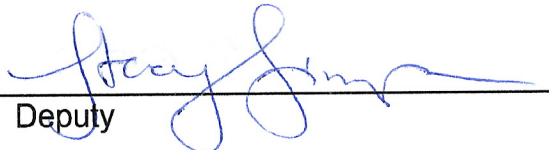
I, Rebecca Turner, County Clerk-Recorder of the County of Calaveras, State of California, do hereby certify (declare) that the attached

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was posted in public view, with public access, at the Calaveras County Government Center located at 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, California, on March 15, 2022 at 02:05 PM for the period specified by law, through and including April 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Dated this 3rd, day of May, 2022 at San Andreas, California.

REBECCA TURNER, County Clerk-Recorder

By: 
Deputy



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 05-2022-013
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL glong@calaverasrcd.org	DATE 03/15/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CALAVERAS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL glong@calaverasrcd.org	PHONE NUMBER (209) 791-0286
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 1041	CITY SAN ANDREAS	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95249

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)	\$3,539.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" 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)		

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ **\$0.00**

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Stacy Simpson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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