

Notice of Exemption

To X Office of Planning and Research
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
 Sacramento, CA 95814

 □ County Clerk
 County of Red Bluff
 633 Washington Street, Room 111
 Red Bluff, CA 96080

From RCD of Tehama County
 PO Box 1232
 Red Bluff, CA 96080

Project Title CARCD August Complex Disaster Recovery

Project Applicant Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Project Location – Specific The project area is located on various non-industrial private timberlands that were impacted during the August Complex within that portion of the South Coast Range within Western Tehama County

Cold Fork Creek - T27N R09W SEC 16

Jennings Cabin - T25N R09W SEC 15

Maple Creek - T27N R08W SEC 31

Adams Pond – T27 & 28N R08W SEC 1, 2, & 36

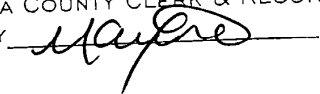
Project Location – City Red Bluff **Project Location – County** Tehama

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Treatment will reduce dead, dying, and diseased conifers and ladder fuels post fire. Removal of conifers will be removed based on the RPF's silviculture prescription. This prescription will consider several factors including bugs and disease, tree vigor, uniformity, as well as stand and species composition. All brush and shrub species will be removed in accordance with the silvicultural prescription. In conjunction with the treatment herbicide may be used as a control mechanism for regrowth and sprouting. Residual material will be left on site at the RPF's discretion or in a manner outlined in the silviculture prescription. All contractors and consultants, if any, will adhere to the Forest Practice Rules during fuel reduction and/or herbicide treatments.

- Thinning and removal of diseased overstory trees. These trees may be utilized for wood products (lumber or biomass) or piled and burned.
- Thinning of small understory trees through mastication, piling and burning or chipping and shipment of material to a local biomass cogeneration plant.
- Thinning of young (less than 100 years old) conifer stands and plantations.
- Mastication or broadcast burning depending on vegetation.
- Disposal of material unsuitable for commercial utilization through mastication, chipping and burning.
- Reforestation through planting of appropriate tree species.
- Retention of suitable snag trees within all treatment units.

Project Components

The **CARCD August Complex Disaster Recovery** applies comprehensive and cohesive treatments across the landscape which, when combined meet the management goals of the individual landowners along with the goals of Cal Fire established for surrounding State Responsibility Lands and with the RCD of Tehama County's watershed protection/improvement objectives will be advanced as well

Cold Fork Creek- (632 total acres)

- 1) Mastication
- 2) Sanitation Salvage
- 3) Biomass
- 4) Machine Pile
- 5) Hand cut & Pile
- 6) Herbicide
- 7) Reforestation

Jennings Cabin- (64 total acres)

- 1) Mastication
- 2) Sanitation Salvage
- 3) Biomass
- 4) Machine Pile
- 5) Hand cut & Pile
- 6) Herbicide
- 7) Reforestation

Maple Creek- (86 total acres)

- 1) Mastication
- 2) Sanitation Salvage
- 3) Biomass
- 4) Machine Pile
- 5) Hand cut & Pile
- 6) Herbicide
- 7) Reforestation

Adams Pond- (527 total acres)

- 1) Mastication
- 2) Sanitation Salvage
- 3) Biomass
- 4) Machine Pile
- 5) Hand cut & Pile
- 6) Herbicide
- 7) Reforestation

Name of Public Agency Approving Project Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

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 15304 Minor Alterations of Lands (Class 5)
- Statutory Exemption State code number

Reasons why project is exempt

Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters This project is considered low impact given that the nature of the project work occurs on already disturbed and developed roadsides and biomass chips will be broadcast onsite A current California Natural Diversity Database search was conducted, and it has been determined that Project activities will have a low impact on the environment and low potential to affect cultural resources

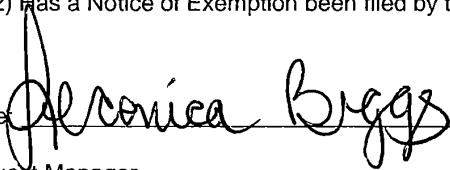
Lead Agency

Contact Person Seronica Biggs **Area Code/Telephone/Extension** 530-727-1280 Ext 112

If filed by applicant

- 1) Attached certified document of exemption finding
- 2) Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? **x Yes**

Signature



Date ~~05/09/2024~~ 8/2/24

Title Project Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR