

# Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) Feather River Resource Conservation District  
PO Box 3562, Quincy CA 95971  
(Address)

County Clerk / County of Plumas

520 Main Street

Quincy CA 95971

Project Title: Quincy Watershed Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

T 22-24, N R74-75 E, S 22, 23, 26, 27

Project Location - City: Quincy, CA

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Quincy Watershed Improvement Project is a hazardous fuels reduction project immediately south and adjacent to the community of Quincy, California. The project will utilize hand thinning, piling, burning to reduce fuels loads on 181 of private lands and 479 acres of federal lands managed by the Plumas National Forest within the WUI. The project would remove trees up to 14" DBH. Material would be disposed of through piling and burning, or broadcast chipping. The project will follow standard best management practices including protection of watercourses, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and other natural resource protection. Hardwood species, trees and snags with evidence of nesting or roosting by rare/threatened/ endangered species will be retained. Areas of avoidance have been flagged. Stocking standards shall adhere to the minimum acceptable stocking standards defined in the California Forest Practice Rules, all material shall be chipped or burned on site. The project will reduce wildfire risk to communities through fuels reduction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Firesafe Council

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

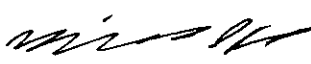
The portion of the project located on lands owned by the American Valley Community Services District project fits under Categorical Exemption: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4) which allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of waters. Trees targeted for removal and pruning of residual trees will be restricted to those that reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, and/or provide for improved ingress/egress in the event of wildfire. The proposed project has been designed to protect resources from potential significant impacts. The project, as designed, is consistent with the use of a Categorical Exemption. Additionally, CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. CA State Grants would provide funding for fuel reduction treatments on federal lands within the Plumas National Forest. The proposed activities on federal lands were reviewed in their entirety pursuant to NEPA in the Record of Decision for the Quincy Watershed Improvement Project Decision Memo, signed May XX 2022

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Hall

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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: 

Date: June 10, 2022

Title: District Manager

Feather River Resource Conservation District

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

I hereby certify that from 6/10/2022 to 7/15/2022 I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the office of the Plumas County Clerk (30 days). By *Stacy Grella, Deputy* (signature) on 6/10/2022 (date).

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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JUN 10 2022

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