



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Berryessa Pines Fuel Break

PROJECT LOCATION T9N R4W Section 27, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian

COUNTY Napa

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of mechanical removal of vegetation to maintain an existing fuel break along the east and south sides of the Berryessa Pines residential subdivision. The Berryessa Pines neighborhood has approximately 80 homes and is located uphill from the west shore of Lake Berryessa in eastern Napa County. The fuel break will act to stop or slow a fire originating along the shore of the lake, which will enhance the wildland fire protection of the community and facilitate the suppression of a wildfire by firefighting personnel. The fuel break was last maintained in 2012, and requires removal of re-grown vegetation in order to remain effective. The project is a collaboration between the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), with CAL FIRE implementing the project entirely within BOR lands. A CAL FIRE Type II bulldozer will remove vegetation in a strip up to 17 feet wide for a linear distance up to 2500 feet, for a total project area of just less than one acre.

EXEMPTION STATUS

Categorical Exemption Type/Section:
 Class 1, 15301
 Class 4, 15304
 Class 8, 15308

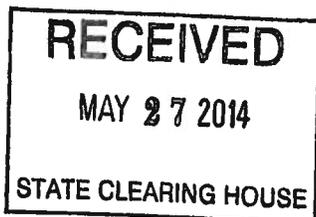
Existing Facilities
 Minor Alterations to Land
 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

- 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 descriptions for Class 1, Class 4, and Class 8 Categorical Exemptions to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention VMP Forester), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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