NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Berryessa Highlands Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Lake Berryessa CA T8N, R3W, S21 &28 Mt Diablo Base and Meridian	**COUNTY**	Napa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the construction of a fuel break below the Berryessa Highlands residential community within the Sonoma-Lake-Napa, CAL FIRE operational Unit. This project will enhance the wild land fire protection for the western edge of the Berryessa Highlands residential community, once completed the fuel break will act to slow or stop a wild fire originating along the shoreline of Lake Berryessa. This project will encompass typical tasks associated with road maintenance consisting of grading, removal of dead trees adjacent to fuel break that are pose fuel loading issues, trimming of vegetation encroaching onto roadway as necessary to facilitate construction of proposed fuel break. The proposed project will occur entirely on lands owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

All of these activities will remain within the prism of the existing road. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation completed a categorical exclusion checklist # CCAO-CEC-13LB.19 for the proposed project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4
15301 (c) Existing Facilities
15304 (f) 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 portions of This project fits within the descriptions of two Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. These are Class 1 pertaining to maintenance and repairs to existing public structures and facilities, and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. Field review by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Staff completed the NEPA process and Categorical Exclusion Checklist # CCAO-CEC-13LB.19 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 Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters, 1199 Big Tree Road St Helena Ca 94574

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