

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Bernardino

From: (Public Agency): Inland Empire Resource
Conservation District

25864 Business Center Dr Suite K, Redlands, CA 92374

(Address)

Project Title: North Big Bear Landscape Restoration Project - CAL FIRE Regional Pilot Block Grant (Project)

Project Applicant: San Bernardino National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

North of Big Bear Lake; coordinates in project area: 116.898143°W 34.295955°N

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to improve forest health and diversity, improve hydrologic function, and restore a more fire resilient forest structure. The Project treatment activities include manual and mechanical thinning, lop and scatter, and pruning across 321 acres. All work would be implemented using established forest management practices and project design features to protect biological, cultural, and water resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: U.S. Forest Service, National Forest Foundation, CAL FIRE (funder)

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC § 4799.05(d)(1)(A)

Reasons why project is exempt:

IERCD has determined that the Project is eligible for a Statutory Exemption from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code § 4799.05(d)(1)(A). PRC § 4799.05(d)(1)(A) provides an exemption for wildfire risk reduction projects on federal lands, such as thinning and fuel reduction, that have completed environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and where the primary role of the local agency is providing funding for those projects. The Project has been reviewed under NEPA and was determined to not have a significant impact on the quality of the environment by the U.S. Forest Service pursuant to the signed Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact dated May 1, 2023. The Project has been allocated funding by IERCD through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Regional Block Grant Pilot Program.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mandy Parkes

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-855-6473

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: 9-10-26 Title: District Manager

• Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

DATE FILED & POSTED

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LEAD AGENCY

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

09/30/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

San Bernardino

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

North Big Bear Landscape Restoration Project - CAL FIRE Regional Pilot Block Grant (Project)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

25864 Business Center Dr, Suite K

CITY

Redlands

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

92374

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency



School District



Other Special District



State Agency



Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,227.50

\$

0.00



Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$3,043.75

\$

0.00



Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,437.25

\$

0.00



Exempt from fee



Notice of Exemption (attach)



CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)



Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)



Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00



County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00



Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

#7818



Cash



Credit



Check



Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

50.00

SIGNATURE

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Mariah Arroyo, Deputy Clerk