

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



SHASTA VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PROJECT TITLE Outsen Road Fuels Reduction Project Agreement # 5GG22130

PROJECT LOCATION The project area lies west of Highway 3 between Greenhorn Park- to the north, and Lime Gulch- to the south. Approximately 30% of the project is within the boundaries of the City of Yreka and the balance is in unincorporated areas of Siskiyou County. The project is located in portions of Sections 32, 33, 34 T45N, R7W, and portions of Sections 4,5,6, 8 & 9, T44N, R7W MDB&M.

COUNTY Siskiyou

LEAD AGENCY Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD)

CONTACT Dan Blessing, Shasta Valley RCD

ADDRESS 215 Executive Ct A
Yreka, CA 96097

PHONE (530) 572-3120

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project Activity Area (PAA) is 1498 acres, and the treatment area encompasses 367 acres distributed within the PAA (Figure 1). The proposed action consists of:

- Fuel reduction within a 100' radius of 25 homes and other permanent structures (~30 acres). This area is referred to as Defensible Space Zones
- Constructing fuelbreaks (~ 400' wide off the existing ridgetop firebreaks (constructed in 2022 as part of the McKinney Fire contingency fire contingency plan) (~156 acres)
- Constructing ~100' wide fuelbreaks on spur ridges tied to the McKinney Fire firebreak lines (~77 acres)
- Treating fuels within 100' of roads needed for evacuation of homes during a fire (17 acres)
- Thinning 150' wide fuel breaks building off existing utility line corridors (17 acres),
- Thinning of small diameter trees and removal of dead and dying trees, reducing understory fuels and opening overstory canopies (56 acres)
- Conducting fuel maintenance demonstrations including use of a curtain burner and grazing (herbivory) on approximately 50 acres
- Conducting two homeowner workshops on defensible space, post treatment maintenance and fire planning and home hardening

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (e) 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

Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce the 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. Minimal ground disturbance is expected from this amended project. A current CNDDB and USFWS search was conducted. The project as proposed will not have a negative impact upon any listed species of plant or animal with potential to be found within the project area. A current Archaeological records check was obtained. However, this project amendment will not conduct ground-disturbing activities. This project as proposed is not expected to result in a significant impact on the environment. Documentation of the environmental review is kept on file at Shasta Valley RCD, 215 Executive Court, Suite A, Yreka, CA 96097 – Attention Dan Blessing.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

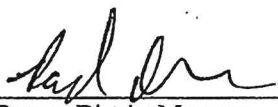
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Siskiyou County

MAY 06 2025

LAURA BYNUM, CLERK

BY: ENDORSED L. FRANCO
Deputy Clerk


Rod Dowse, District Manager
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

Date

5/6/25

Outsen Road Fuel Reduction Project

Treatment Acres	
Conifer-Oak Forest Health	47.88
Herbivory	50.34
Shaded Fuel Break	227.38
Total Acres (cumulative)	325.59



Scale: 1:118,000
0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

Legend
Project Boundary
Effective Fuel Break
Treatments
Shaded Fuel Break
Conifer-Oak Forest Health
Herbivory Treatment
Signed Agreement
Not Signed (transparent fill)
Shaded

After the fire, the project area will be reforested with native species. The project area will be managed to ensure the long-term health of the forest. The project area will be managed to ensure the long-term health of the forest. The project area will be managed to ensure the long-term health of the forest.

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- Slope > 65%
- Road (County)
- Access Road
- Transmission Lines
- Stream
- Intermittent (50m buffer)
- Perennial/Seasonal (75m)
- Stream Buffer (50m/75m)
- Vrocka Ditch (owner's)

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On May 6, 2025, Shasta Valley RCD filed an application
(Date) (Name)
for development with the Siskiyou County. Before the application
(Name of City)
is accepted as complete for processing, fees in the following amount(s) must be deposited with
the County Clerk.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clerk Processing Fee	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Declaration	\$2,968.75*
<input type="checkbox"/>	EIR	\$4,123.50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorically Exempt	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutorily Exempt	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee Exemption issued by the DFG	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	\$ _____

No project shall be operative, vested or final until the required fee is paid. *Public Resources Code §21089 (b)*

On 5/6/25, Shasta Valley RCD deposited \$ \$50.00,
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk ENDORSED-E. FRANCO.
(Attest)

Application No. NA Receipt # 47-05/06/2025-018
(To be completed when application is received for processing) 2025004144

* If it is determined by Siskiyou County that the fee required for a Negative Declaration does not apply to your project a refund will be granted.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

47-05/06/2025-018

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SHASTA VALLEY RCD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/06/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SISKIYOU COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2025-47-018	
PROJECT TITLE		

OUTSEN ROAD FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT AGREEMENT #5GG22130

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME DAN BLESSING, SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SVRCD)	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (530) 572-3120
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 215 EXECUTIVE CT A	CITY YREKA	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 96097	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,123.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 2,968.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,401.75	\$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE ENDORSED-E. FRANCO Esmeralda Franco Deputy Clerk
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