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SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SISKIYOU COUNTY

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2025-47-041

PROJECT TITLE

KLAMATH RIVER COMMUNITY FIRE RESTORATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

215 EXECUTIVE CT. STE. 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:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$ 4,123.50 \$

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$ 2,968.75 \$

☐ 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)

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

\$ 850.00 \$

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$ 50.00 \$

☐ Other

\$

50.00

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☒ Cash

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ENDORSED-D. BROOKS

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Dana Brooks Deputy Clerk

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Siskiyou County.

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BY: **ENDORSED-D. BROOKS**
Deputy ClerkSHASTA VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PROJECT TITLE	Klamath River Community Fire Restoration		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located on the southern slopes of the Klamath Mountains, Legal Description: T46N, R9W; T46N, R8W	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD)		
CONTACT	Michael McGill, Shasta Valley RCD		
ADDRESS	215 Executive Ct Ste A Yreka, CA 96097	PHONE	650-743-5524

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project treatments include fuel reduction and emergency hazard tree abatement/removal on approximately 569 acres along roads, ingress and egress points, and near habitable structures to provide for public safety from falling snags, safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel. Treatments will focus on the removal of dead vegetation along the road edge and adjacent to structure. Treatments will include mechanical and hand removal of hazardous vegetation. All standing dead and dying hardwoods and conifers will be removed except for trees that do not pose a hazard and show wildlife use value. Mechanical operations will include the use of a masticator and chipping equipment, and manual treatments will include chainsaws, loppers or pruners, piling and burning. Removal of hazardous trees and fuels reduction will have a direct benefit to the life and safety of residents and travelling motorists in the area. All the rest of the trees, and activity fuels will be put into machine burn piles or chipped. There is no selling, bartering, or trading planned as a part of this project. The value of the fuel treatments, both in terms of reduced fire behavior/intensity and in terms of impacts will produce long-term benefits. Live trees that do not pose a threat to people or property will be retained.

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. 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 Michael McGill.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

Rod Dowse, District Manager

8/25/25

Date



Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project

Note: This report form is intended for use by Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) staff to document a limited environmental impact analysis supporting the filing of a Notice of Exemption (NOE) document for a proposed SVRCD project. Although the project appears to fit within the descriptions for allowable Categorical Exemptions, this report presents SVRCD's review for possible "Exceptions" that would preclude finding the project to be categorically exempt as discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This report will be filed with the CEQA administrative record for this project to document the environmental impact analysis conducted by the SVRCD.

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Project Name: Klamath River Community Fire Restoration
Project Number: Not applicable
Program Type: Forest Health, Post-Fire Reforestation
CAL FIRE Unit (if applicable to project):
County: Siskiyou
Acres: 51
Legal Location: T46N, 9W, Sections 10, 11, 12, 20 ; T46N, 8W, Section 7
Name of USGS 7.5' Quad Map(s): McKinley Mtn, Badger Mtn
☒ Project Vicinity Map Attached ☒ Project Location Map Attached ☐ Photos Attached

Other Public Agency Review or Permit Required:

Would the project result in:

Alterations to a watercourse (DFW - Lake and Stream Alteration Agreement)
Conversion of timberland (CAL FIRE - Conversion Permit or Exemption)
Demolition (Local Air District - Demolition Permit)
Soil disturbance over 1 acre (RWQCB - SWPPP)
Fill of possible wetlands (404 Permit - USACE)
Other:

YES	NO
☐	☒
☐	☒
☐	☒
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Discuss any above-listed topic item checked Yes and any consultation with agencies:

Project Description and Environmental Setting (describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting):

The project is located on privately owned land in the Klamath River Community in California. The project area is on the southern slopes of the Klamath Mountains along Highway 96.

The project area was affected by the McKinney Fire in 2022. Most of the timber and vegetation were damaged and/or destroyed in this fire event. The area is characterized by mixed conifer stands, plantations composed of ponderosa pine and juniper and isolated brush patches and rock outcroppings.

The project intends to propose and accomplish treatments including fuel reduction and emergency hazard tree abatement/removal on approximately 51 acres along roads, ingress and egress points, and near habitable structures to provide for public safety from falling snags, safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel. Treatments will focus on the removal of dead vegetation along the road edge and adjacent to structures. Treatments will include mechanical and hand removal of hazardous vegetation. All standing dead and dying hardwoods and conifers will be removed except for trees that do not pose a hazard and show wildlife use value. Mechanical operations will include the use of a masticator and chipping equipment, and manual treatments will include chainsaws, loppers or pruners, piling and burning. Removal of hazardous trees and fuels reduction will have a direct benefit to the life and safety of residents and travelling motorists in the area. All the rest of the trees, and activity fuels will be put into machine burn piles or chipped. There is no selling, bartering, or trading planned as a part of this project. The value of the fuel treatments, both in terms of reduced fire behavior/intensity and in terms of impacts will produce long-term benefits. Live trees that do not pose a threat to people or property will be retained.

Pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA guidelines Section 15304, this project is exempt from CEQA as the project consists of minor alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Aesthetics

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The project area is located on private lands that was affected by the McKinney Fire in 2022. The community in the project area has lived with the visual effects of the McKinney Fire. The proposed mechanical and manual treatments are designed to restore natural conditions and provide public safety through the removal of hazardous trees and snags. Treatments will maintain retention patches and create small gaps consistent with the natural landscape. No mitigations are necessary.

Agriculture and Forest Resources

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ Yes ☐ No Would any trees be felled? If yes, discuss protection of nesting birds, if necessary.
☐ Yes ☒ No Would the project convert any prime or unique farmland?
☐ Yes ☒ No Would the project result in the conversion of forest land or timberland to non-forest use?
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The project is located on private lands. The project goal of reducing hazardous trees and snags requires the removal of dead and dying trees affected by the McKinney Fire. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed.

Please see the Biological Resources discussed to see the protections for nesting birds.

No negative impacts to Agriculture and Forest Resources are expected.

Air Quality

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ Yes ☐ No The local Air Quality Management District guidelines for dust abatement and other air quality concerns were reviewed for this project.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

According to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District is currently designated within "attainment" of California's standards related to Particulate Pollution (PM 10 and PM 2.5) and Ozone (ppm). In 2021 Siskiyou County exceeded the state's 24-hour maximum allowable emission levels of PM 2.5, on 32 occurrences, due to wildfire. The proposed project is designed to prevent or reduce the spread of wildfires which could contribute to Siskiyou Counties' "attainment" status.

Treatment activities associated with the project are expected to be minimal. Hand treatments are expected to make essentially no impacts to air quality. Mastication will create a mat of biological material in front of machinery to minimize contact with the soil and minimize dust creation. Road traffic from operations is expected to be at a level to not require road surface maintenance measures. However, if the road surface does appear to be becoming compromised then road watering will begin immediately.

No negative impacts to Air Quality are expected from this project.

Biological Resources

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ Yes ☒ No Will the project potentially affect biological resources?
☒ Yes ☐ No Was a current California Natural Diversity Database review completed? Results discussed below:
☒ Yes ☐ No Was a biological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

A query of the California Natural Diversity Data Base was conducted on May 15, 2025. Scoping was conducted within the McKinley and Badger Mtn Quads and the eight surrounding quads to determine the potential occurrence of State and Federally

listed plant and animal species of special concern within or directly adjacent to the project area. According to CNDDB, the following listed species are known to occur near the project area:

Table 1. CA Natural Diversity Database Species Records within or Adjacent to Project Areas

Common Name	Scientific Name	FEDList	CAList	CA Rare Rank
Woolly balsamroot	Balsamorhiza lanata	None	None	1B.2
Greene's mariposa-lily	Calochortus greenei	None	None	1B.2
Single-flowered mariposa-lily	Calochortus monanthus	None	None	1A
Siskiyou mariposa-lily	Calochortus persistens	None	Rare	1B.2
Serpentine cryptantha	Cryptantha dissita	None	None	1B.2
Oregon fireweed	Epilobium oreganum	None	None	1B.2
Jaynes Canyon buckwheat	Eriogonum diclinum	None	None	2B.3
Blushing wild buckwheat	Eriogonum ursinum var. erubescens	None	None	1B.3
Henderson's fawn lily	Erythronium hendersonii	None	None	2B.3
Subalpine aster	Eurybia merita	None	None	2B.3
Gentner's fritillary	Fritillaria gentneri	Endangered	None	1B.1
Scott Mountain bedstraw	Galium serpticum ssp. scotticum	None	None	1B.2
Alkali hymenoxys	Hymenoxys lemmonii	None	None	2B.2
Heckners lewisia	Lewisia cotyledon var. heckneri	None	None	1B.2
Pecks lomatium	Lomatium peckianum	None	None	2B.2
Shasta orthocarpus	Orthocarpus pachystachyus	None	None	1B.1
Scott Valley phacella	Phacelia greenei	None	None	1B.2
Yreka phlox	Phlox hirsuta	Endangered	Endangered	1B.2
Timber blue grass	Poa rhizomata	None	None	1B.3
Oregon polemonium	Polemonium carneum	None	None	2B.2
Howell's sandwort	Sabulina howellii	None	None	1B.3
American saw-wort	Saussurea americana	None	None	2B.2
Pendulous bulrush	Scirpus pendulus	None	None	2B.2
Cascade stonecrop	Sedum divergens	None	None	2B.3
Applegate stonecrop	Sedum oblancheolatum	None	None	1B.1
Rocky Mountain spike-moss	Selaginella scopulorum	None	None	2B.3
Siskiyou clover	Trifolium siskiyouense	None	None	1B.1
Yellow Flowered triteleia	Triteleia crocea var. crocea	None	None	4.3
Large-flowered triteleia	Triteleia grandiflora	None	None	2B.1
Little-leaved huckleberry	Vaccinium scoparium	None	None	2B.2

WOOLY BALSAM ROOT

Woolly Balsamroot (*Balsamorhiza lanata*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is in the Scott, Klamath and the Shasta Valley in Siskiyou County. Habitat associated with the species includes open woodland, rocky and grassy slopes on hillsides and road embankments between 2,600 and 6,200 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

GREENE'S MARIPOSA LILY

Greenes Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus greenei*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California is in eastern Klamath range and Modoc plateau. Habitat associated with the species includes meadows and seeps, cismontane woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, upper montane coniferous forest on volcanic outcrops and open, dry, gravelly soils between 690 to 5,600 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

SINGLE-FLOWERED MARIPOSA LILY

Single-Flowered Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus monanthus*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is northeast Klamath Range in Siskiyou County near Yreka. Habitat associated with the species is known only from the type locality in a riparian meadow along the Shasta river between 2,200 to 2,400 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Single-Flowered Mariposa Lily.

SISKIYOU MARIPOSA LILY

Siskiyou Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus persistens*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is limited to Siskiyou County in the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with this species includes north-facing slopes or ridgetops with little vegetation cover, shallow, dry, acidic and rocky soils and in yellow pine or coastal coniferous forests.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Siskiyou Mariposa Lily.

SERPENTINE CRYPTANTHA

Serpentine Cryptantha (*Cryptantha dissata*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California is limited to Siskiyou, Mendocino and Lake counties. Habitat associated with the species includes rocky and gravelly slopes, serpentine endemic, chaparral, foothill woodland between 1,200 to 1,900 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

OREGON FIREWEED

Oregon fireweed (*Epilobium oreganum*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California limited to Siskiyou County in the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes meadows and seeps, freshwater marsh on serpentine soils between 1,650 to 5,400 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project and no populations were located.

JAYNES CANYON BUCKWHEAT

Jaynes Canyon Buckwheat (*Eriogonum dielinum*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is limited to Siskiyou County in the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes upper montane coniferous forest in serpentine soils between 5,580 to 7,875 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project and no populations were located.

BLUSHING WILD BUCKWHEAT

Blushing wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum ursinum* var. *eubescens*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California expands from the Klamath range to the central coastal range. Habitat associated with the species includes talus/scree fields and rock outcroppings in montane forests between 2,400-6,300 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

HENDERSON'S FAWN LILY

Henderson's Fawn lily (*Erythronium hendersonii*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California occurs in the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes dry woodlands and lower montane coniferous forests between 985 to 5,200 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project and no populations were located.

SUBALPINE ASTER

Subalpine aster (*Eurybia merita*) is a state rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California occurs in the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes upper montane coniferous forest between 2,800 to 6,200 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Subalpine Aster.

GENTNER'S FRITILLARIA

Gentner's fritillaria (*Fritillaria gentneri*) is a rare plant species and is a federally endangered species. The range of species within California is in High Cascade Range. Habitat associated with the species includes cismontane woodland, chaparral, lower montane coniferous forest. Open sites at edge of woodland or chaparral and sometimes on serpentine between 3,000 to 3,300 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project and no populations were located.

SCOTT MOUNTAIN BEDSTRAW

Scott Mountain bedstraw (*Galium serpicum ssp. scotticum*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is in the Klamath mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes lower montane coniferous forest, generally occurs on north-facing slopes on serpentine in mixed conifer forest between 2,800 to 6,600 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Scott Mountain bedstraw.

HENDERSON'S HORKELIA

Henderson's horkelia (*Horkelia hendersonii*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California is specific to the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes dry granitic flats in upper montane coniferous forest between 6,000 to 6,900 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Henderson's horkelia.

ALKALI HYMENOXYS

Alkali hymenoxys (*Hymenoxys lemmonii*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Great basin and Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes Great basin scrub, lower montane coniferous forest, meadows and seeps in subalkaline soils between 2,400 to 8,200 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Alkali Hymenoxys.

HECKNER'S LEWISIA

Heckner's Lewisia (*Lewisia cotyledon var. heckneri*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California is limited to the Klamath Mountains. Habitat associated with the species includes rocky areas and rock outcroppings in montane forests between 750 to 6,900 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

PECKS LOMATIUM

Pecks lomatum (*Lomatium peckianum*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California is limited to Shasta and Siskiyou counties in the eastern Klamath Ranges and western high Cascade Range bioregions. Habitat associated with the species includes rocky slopes, flats, and grassy openings in chaparral, cismontane woodland, lower montane coniferous forest, and pinyon and juniper woodland, sometimes on rocky clay soils derived from metamorphic or volcanic substrates between 2,200 to 5,900 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

SHASTA ORTHOCARPUS

Shasta orthocarpus (*Orthocarpus pachystachyus*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species is limited to the Klamath and Cascade bioregions in Siskiyou County. Habitat consists of openings in sagebrush scrub, meadows and seeps, valley and foothill grassland between 2,700 to 2,800 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Shasta orthocarpus.

SCOTT VALLEY PHACELIA

Scott Valley phacelia (*Phacelia greenii*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species is limited to the Scott Mountains in Siskiyou County. Habitat of the species includes serpentine soils and openings in closed-cone, lower montane, upper montane and subalpine coniferous forests between 2,600 to 8,000 feet elevation.

There are no known occurrences of Scott Valley phacelia within the project area. There will be no adverse impacts to this species from the proposed treatments.

YREKA PHLOX

Yreka phlox (*Phlox hirsuta*) is state and federally listed as endangered. The range of species is limited to small areas of the Klamath Mountains around the city of Yreka. Habitat associated with the species includes rocky serpentine or ultramafic soils in montane forests between 2,500 to 6,000 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Yreka phlox.

TIMBER BLUE GRASS

Timber blue grass (*Poa rhizomata*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat for the species includes lower montane coniferous forest, subalpine coniferous forest and upper montane coniferous forest between 1,700 to 7,000 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

OREGON POLEMONIUM

Oregon Polemonium (*Polemonium carneum*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California expands from the Southern Cascades, Klamath Mountains and coastal ranges. Habitat associated with the species includes grasslands, coastal prairies, and meadows in montane forests between 0-6000 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

HOWELL'S SANDWORT

Howell's sandwort (*Sabulina howellii*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of species within California expands from the Klamath Mountains and coastal ranges. Habitat associated with the species includes lower montane coniferous forest and chaparral on serpentine soils between 1800 to 3280 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and no populations were located.

AMERICAN SAW-WORT

American saw-wort (*Saussurea americana*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes meadows and seeps and lower montane coniferous forests between 5,700 to 6,400 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for American Saw-wort.

PENDULOUS BULRUSH

Pendulous bulrush (*Scirpus pendulus*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. Habitat associated with the species includes meadows and seeps, freshwater marsh in mesic sites between 2,400 to 2,600 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Pendulous bulrush.

CASCADE STONECROP

Cascade stonecrop (*Sedum divergens*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes alpine boulder and rock field between 5,200 to 7,600 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Cascade stonecrop.

APPLEGATE STONECROP

Applegate stonecrop (*Sedum oblancoletum*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes upper montane coniferous forest between 1,300 to 6,500 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Applegate stonecrop.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPIKE-MOSS

Rocky Mountain spike-moss (*Selaginella scopulorum*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes open, rocky subalpine coniferous forest and upper montane coniferous forests between 4,600 to 7,500 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Rocky Mountain Spike-Moss.

SISKIYOU CLOVER

Siskiyou clover (*Trifolium siskiyouense*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes wet mountain meadows between 2,600 to 4,600 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Siskiyou clover.

YELLOW FLOWERED TRITELEA

Yellow flowered tritelea (*Tritelea crocea* var. *Crocea*) is a plant species of limited distribution and on the watchlist. It has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs within the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes dry slopes between 2,100 to 7,200 feet elevation.

Botanical surveys were completed for the project area and populations found on the Bridge's property. Excursion zones flagged to prevent disturbance of the populations.

LARGE FLOWERED TRITELEA

Large flowered tritelea (*Tritelea grandiflora*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes wet mountain meadows between 2,600 to 4,600 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Large flowered tritelea.

LITTLE-LEAVED HUCKLEBERRY

Little-leaved huckleberry (*Vaccinium scoparium*) is a rare plant species and has no federal status. The range of the species within California occurs in the Klamath range. Habitat associated with the species includes rocky subalpine coniferous forest between 3,400 to 7,200 feet elevation.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Little-leaved huckleberry.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PLANT SPECIES

Common Name	Scientific Name	Special Treatment Recommendation
Purple Milkweed	<i>Asclepias cordifolia</i>	Equipment Exclusion Zone or Equipment Limitation Zone

PURPLE MILKWEED

Purple Milkweed (*Asclepias cordifolia*) is not a special status plant in itself; however their importance as Monarch host plants warrants them being treated with special consideration. It is recommended that any areas be flagged as an equipment exclusion zone or equipment limitation zone to avoid potential impacts to the purple milkweed population. Populations found on the Livingston and Hansen properties.

Common Name	Scientific Name	FED List	CAL List
Foothill yellow-legged frog - north coast DPS	<i>Rana boylei</i> pop. 1	None	None
American goshawk	<i>Accipiter atricapillus</i>	None	None
Coopers hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	None	None
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	None	None
Northern harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	None	None
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Delisted	Endangered
Great blue heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	None	None
Prairie falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	None	None
American peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	Delisted	Delisted
Greater sandhill crane	<i>Antigone canadensis tabida</i>	None	Threatened
Tricolored blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>	None	Threatened
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	None	None

Lewis woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	None	None
Burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia	None	Candidate Endangered
Great gray owl	Strix nebulosa	None	Endangered
Northern Spotted Owl	Strix occidentalis caurina	Threatened	Threatened
Klamath crayfish	Pacifastacus leniusculus klamathensis	None	None
Lower Klamath marbled sculpin	Cottus klamathensis polyporus	None	None
Klamath River lamprey	Entosphenus similis	None	None
Coho salmon - s. Oregon / n. California ESU	Oncorhynchus kisutch pop. 2	Threatened	Threatened
Steelhead - Klamath Mountains Province DPS	Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus pop. 1	None	None
Chinook salmon - upper Klamath and Trinity Rivers ESU	Oncorhynchus tshawytscha pop. 30	Candidate	Threatened
Crotch's bumble bee	Bombus crotchii	None	Candidate Endangered
Franklin's bumble bee	Bombus franklini	Endangered	Candidate Endangered
Morrison bumble bee	Bombus morrisoni	None	None
Western bumble bee	Bombus occidentalis	None	Candidate Endangered
Leech's skyline diving beetle	Hydroporus leechi	None	None
Gray wolf	Canis lupus	Endangered	Endangered
North American porcupine	Erethizon dorsatum	None	None
Fisher	Pekania pennanti	None	None
American badger	Taxidea taxus	None	None
Northern California ringtail	Bassariscus astutus raptor	None	None
Townsend's big-eared bat	Corynorhinus townsendii	None	None
Siskiyou shoulderband	Monadenia chaceana	None	None
A terrestrial snail	Monadenia fidelis leonina	None	None
Oregon shoulderband	Helminthoglypta hertleini	None	None
Highcap lanx	Lanx alta	None	None
Western pearlshell	Margaritifera falcata	None	None
Tehama chaparral	Trilobopsis tehamana	None	None
Siskiyou hesperian	Vespericola sierranus	None	None
Montane peaclam	Pisidium ultramontanum	None	None
California floater	Anodonta californiensis	None	None
Western ridged mussel	Gonidea angulata	None	None
Western ridged mussel	Gonidea angulata	None	None
northwestern pond turtle	Actinemys marmorata	Proposed Threatened	None

FOOTHILL YELLOW-LEGGED FROG

The range of the species is throughout California. This species is found in or near rocky streams in a variety of habitats, including valley-foothill hardwood, valley-foothill hardwood-conifer, valley-foothill riparian, ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, coastal scrub, mixed chaparral, and wet meadow types.

This project area does not contain suitable habitat for foothill yellow-legged frog.

AMERICAN GOSHAWK

The range of species is throughout California. Nest sites include snags or large trees in montane coniferous forests. Nesting sites are often made on crooks, forks, and large platforms in conifers.

The project area will not adversely impact potential habitat for American goshawk.

COOPERS HAWK

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat includes dense stands of live oak, riparian deciduous, or other forest habitats near water. Nests in second-growth conifer stands, or in deciduous riparian areas, usually near streams.

The project area will not adversely impact potential habitat for Coopers hawk.

GOLDEN EAGLE

The range of species is throughout California. Nest sites include cliff edges, rock outcrops and large conifers near foraging habitat. Foraging areas include grassland, oak savanna, open woodland and chaparral and agricultural areas.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for golden eagle.

NORTHERN HARRIER

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes fields, meadows, grasslands, freshwater wetlands, and shrublands.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for northern harrier.

BALD EAGLE

This species is listed as Endangered by the State. The range of the species is throughout California. This species requires wetland habitat such as seacoasts, rivers, large lakes or marshes or other large bodies of open water with an abundance of fish.

The project area contains potential habitat for the Bald Eagle. The project will not adversely impact potential habitat for the Bald Eagle because as stated in the project description no large, scenic, and/or mature trees will be removed which are potentially most likely to contain a nest site. If a nest is found during operations, then operations in the vicinity will cease until site specific protection measures can be developed.

GREAT BLUE HERON

The range of species is throughout California. This species is associated with shallow estuaries, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, marshes, rivers, creeks and other fresh or saline wetlands, where they feed on a variety of fish and other aquatic and semi-aquatic organisms, and occasionally small mammals. They generally nest in colony's (rookeries) located in secluded groves of tall trees near foraging areas.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the great blue heron.

PRAIRIE FALCON

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes perennial grasslands, savannas, rangeland, some agricultural fields, and desert scrub areas.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the prairie falcon.

AMERICAN PEREGRINE FALCON

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species are sites restricted to ledges of large rock cliff faces but some nests are found on city buildings and bridges.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the American peregrine falcon.

GREATER SANDHILL CRANE

This species is listed as threatened in California. The range of species is in northeastern California and the Central Valley of California. Habitat associated with this species marsh and swamp, meadow and seep, wetlands. Prefers grain fields within 4-mile of a shallow body of water and irrigated pastures.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for greater sandhill crane.

TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD

This species is listed as threatened in California. The range of species within California occurs in the Central Valley, therefore is out of the range of the project area.

OSPREY

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes snags or large trees in a variety of habitats usually within 1/4 mile, but up to 1 mile of a large reservoir, lake or river that provides foraging habitat.

The project area will not adversely impact potential habitat for osprey.

LEWIS WOODPECKER

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes ponderosa pine forests, woodlands near streams, woodlands, burned forests, orchards and agricultural areas.

The project area will not adversely impact potential habitat for Lewis woodpecker.

BURROWING OWL

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes open, treeless areas in grasslands, deserts and steep environments.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Burrowing Owl.

GREAT GRAY OWL

This species is listed as threatened in California. The range of species within California includes the Southern Cascades, Klamath and Sierra Nevada mountains. Habitat associated with this species includes open meadows with suitable nesting or roosting habitats.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for great gray owl.

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

This species is State and Federally listed as threatened. The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes snags or large trees in montane coniferous forests. Nesting sites are often made on crooks, forks, and large platforms in conifers.

The 2022 McKinney Fire burned through the project area with high severity fire and resulted in complete loss of habitat. Since the fire any overstory trees that survived the fire are not proposed to be removed, thus no habitat changes are anticipated from the project.

The project area may contain suitable habitat for Northern spotted owl. As stated in the project description no large, scenic and/or mature trees will be removed which are potentially most likely to contain a nest site.

KLAMATH CRAYFISH

The range of species within California is specific to the Klamath river. Habitat associated with this species is shallow streams to major rivers.

Although the project area is adjacent to the Klamath river, any treatments within the project area will not adversely affect the Klamath crayfish.

LOWER KLAMATH MARBLED SCULPIN

The range of species within California occurs from the Klamath River drainage, and the Pit River system from Fall River to Hat Creek. Habitat associated with this species consists of soft-bottomed runs of clear, cold creeks and small to medium rivers.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Lower Klamath marbled sculpin.

KLAMATH RIVER LAMPREY

This range of species within California is specific to the Klamath river basin including the Trinity and Klamath rivers. Habitat associated with this species coincides with coho and Chinook salmon as this is their main prey.

Although the project area is adjacent to the Klamath river, any treatments within the project area will not adversely affect the Klamath river lamprey.

COHO SALMON

This species is listed as Threatened by the State. The range of species within California includes streams of the coastal and Klamath mountains. Coho typically inhabit small coastal streams as well as larger rivers and some of their smaller tributaries with low gradient reaches.

Although the project area is adjacent to the Klamath river, any treatments within the project area will not adversely affect the coho salmon.

STEELHEAD

The range of species within California includes streams of the coastal and Klamath mountains. Habitats associated with this species are often found farther inland and in smaller streams than those utilized by Chinook and coho salmon.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Steelhead.

CHINOOK SALMON

This species is listed as Threatened by the State. The range of species within California includes streams of the coastal and Klamath mountains. Chinook typically inhabits small coastal streams as well as larger rivers and some of their smaller tributaries with low gradient reaches.

Although the project area is adjacent to the Klamath river, any treatments within the project area will not adversely affect the Chinook salmon.

CROTCHS BUMBLE BEE

The range of species within California is limited to the southern 2/3 of the state, therefore out of the range of this project.

FRANKLINS BUMBLE BEE

This species is Federally and State listed as Endangered. The range of species within California is limited to the Klamath mountains of Northern California and Southern Oregon. Habitat associated with this species includes open meadows and other wet areas where a higher density /diversity of flowering plants exists with open areas of intact grass clumps and rodent holes.

The project areas does not include suitable habitat for the Franklin's bumble bee.

MORRISON BUMBLE BEE

The range of species within California occurs in the Eastern Cascade range. Habitat associated with this species is high plains shrubland.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Morrison bumble bee.

WESTERN BUMBLE BEE

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes open meadows and other wet areas where a higher density /diversity of flowering plants exists with open areas of intact grass clumps and rodent holes.

The project areas does not include suitable habitat for Western bumble bee.

LEECHS SKYLINE DIVING BEETLE

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species is shallow ponds.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Leechs skyline diving beetle.

GRAY WOLF

This species is listed as endangered in California. The range of species is limited within California to the northern portion of the state. Wolves are habitat generalists that primarily prey on large ungulates such as elk and deer, but will also prey upon a variety of smaller animals, along with domesticated animals and livestock.

To determine whether gray wolves have been documented within or in the vicinity of a treatment areas or if the treatment area is within the known home range of a documented gray wolf or gray wolf pack, the project manager will contact CDFW and USFWS before implementation of treatment activities to obtain general information about documented gray wolf activity and current home ranges within or in the vicinity of a treatment area that has not been made publicly available. If occupancy is noted, then operations within 0.25 mile will cease until site specific protection measures can be developed.

The project will not adversely impact potential habitat for the gray wolf.

NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species is montane conifer, Douglas-Fir, alpine dwarf-shrub, and wet meadow habitats. Dens in caves, large rock crevices, hollow logs, snags, burrows of other animals and dense foliage in trees.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the north american porcupine.

FISHER

The range of species within California includes the Coast range, Southern Cascades, Klamath and Sierra Nevada Mountains. Habitat associated with this species is forested and wooded habitat and requires cavities for breeding.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for fisher.

AMERICAN BADGER

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat consists of drier open states of most shrub, forest, and herbaceous habitats, with friable soils. Badgers dig burrows in friable soil for cover. Young are born in burrows dug in relatively dry, often sandy soil, usually in areas with sparse overstory cover.

The project area contains potential habitat for the American badger. If a burrow site is found during treatment operations, it will be identified using high visibility flagging and avoided.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RINGTAIL

The range of species within California includes the Coast Redwoods, Southern Cascades, Klamath and Sierra Nevada mountains. Habitat associated with this species includes rocky areas and mixed forests, woodlands or shrubland areas near a water source.

The project area may contain suitable habitat for the Northern California ringtail. If a burrow site is found during treatment operations, it will be identified using high visibility flagging and avoided.

TOWNSEND BIG EARED BAT

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes coniferous forests, deserts, prairies, riparian, active agricultural areas and coastal habitats with the availability of caves and cave-like roosting habitats. They prefer open roosting areas.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the Townsend big-eared bat.

ATERRESTRIAL SNAIL

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species is deciduous, coniferous or mixed forests near springs or water sources.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for a terrestrial snail.

SISKIYOU SHOULDERBAND

The range of species within California is restricted to Northern California in the Klamath-Siskiyou mountains. Habitat associated with this species is in forested areas with subsurface water, herbaceous vegetation and deciduous leaf litter.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the Siskiyou shoulderband.

HIGHCAP LANX

The range of species within California occurs in the Eastern Cascades. Habitat associated with this species include spring-influenced areas of rivers and tributaries.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the Highcap lanx.

WESTERN PEARLSHELL

The range of species within California occurs in fresh-water rivers. Habitat associated with this species includes streams and large rivers that support salmonoid populations.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the Western pearlshell.

TEHAMA CHAPARRAL

The range of species within California is restricted to Shasta, Tehama, Butte and Siskiyou Counties. The habitat associated with this species includes rocky talus near outcrops of limestone and under cover of shrubs, oak, leaf litter and woody debris.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Tehama chaparral.

SISKIYOU HESPERIAN

The range of species within California is specific to the East Cascade and Klamath mountain ranges. Habitat associated with this species includes spring seeps under leaf litter.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Siskiyou hesperian.

MONTANE PEACOCK

The range of species within California are specific to Pit river, Eagle lake and Hat creek, therefore out of range of this project.

CALIFORNIA FLOATER

The range of species within California occurs in the Northern portion of the state and has been noted in Pit river, Walker river and Willow creek therefore out of range of this project.

NORTHWESTERN POND TURTLE

The range of species is throughout California. Habitat associated with this species includes ponds, marshes, rivers, streams and irrigation ditches usually with aquatic vegetation. This species needs basking sites and suitable upland habitat consisting of sandy banks or grassy open fields.

The project area does not contain suitable habitat for Northwestern Pond turtle.

Cultural Resources

☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.

☒ Yes ☐ No Was a current archaeological records check completed? Results discussed below:

☒ Yes ☐ No Was a professional archaeologist consulted? Results discussed below:

☒ Yes ☐ No Was an archaeological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:

☐ Yes ☒ No Will the project affect any historic, prehistoric, or other archaeological or cultural resources?

☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

A complete archaeology report was prepared by Quentin Mark Arnold. All significant pre-historic or historic archaeological sites identified will be protected by flagging and avoidance during implementation.

Tribal Cultural Resources

☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.

☒ Yes ☐ No Was an NAHC sacred lands file search completed? Results discussed below:

☒ Yes ☐ No Were letters sent out to the Native American contact list? Results discussed below:

☒ Yes ☐ No Was an archaeological survey of the project area completed? Results pertaining to tribal cultural resources discussed below:

☐ Yes ☒ No Will the project affect any tribal cultural resources?

☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Sacred Lands records check request was sent to the Native American Heritage Commission on 5-14-2025. The Native American Heritage Commission stated the Sacred Lands search came back negative. Tribal notification letters with map were mailed on 5-15-2025 to the following Native American groups. No response was received from any of the Native American groups or individuals below.

Karuk Tribe, Orleans and Happy Camp offices

Shasta Indian Nation

Shasta Tribe

An Archaeological Survey was conducted by a professional cultural specialist, Quentin Mark Arnold for the project area. A field survey was completed in July 2025 for the purpose of identifying cultural resources within the project area of potential effect.

Management recommendations included in the Archaeological Survey Report will be implemented for the project to avoid impacts to cultural resources.

Energy

☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.

☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Geology and Soils

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Soils within the project are mainly comprised of Kang-Beaughton, Holland-Clallam, Skalan, Gilligan Holland family associations. Areas are mostly gravelly loam with sandy loam and clay loam in sections. The project area does not contain any unstable slopes. There are no steep slopes associated with this project that will have heavy equipment operations and there will be no excavation or significant soil disturbance associated with this project.

The proposed treatment will have no significant impacts to Geology or Soils.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ Yes ☒ No Would the project generate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
☐ Yes ☒ No Would these GHG emissions result in a significant impact on the environment? Discuss below:
☐ Yes ☒ No Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? Discuss below:

The proposed project would produce limited emissions from: (1) off-road motorized vehicle equipment used for the project treatments; (2) from vehicles to transport personnel to and from the project area. Emissions from off-road equipment and personnel transport vehicles would be limited during the project and associated emissions would cease once the project treatments are complete. Emissions generated by the project would not result in substantial emissions and no impact to climate change would occur.

Proposed prescribed burns of piled material from project treatments will result in short term increases of GHG emissions compared to no action baseline conditions.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The hazardous materials being utilized for this project include diesel, gasoline, oil and other fluids associated with motorized equipment. Equipment used on this project will not be serviced in locations which could allow oil or fuel to contaminate soil or pass into a watercourse. All containers shall be properly labeled and designed to prevent accidental spillage.

Operators will have spill kits present at the site. If a spill occurs and the situation is safe, the operators will contain the spill and prevent the spill from spreading or prevent the spill from expanding. Operators will shovel a dike or berm to contain or divert the spilled material. Bark, duff, other forest litter or absorbent pads (if available) should be used to absorb spilled material.

The proposed project will not have a significant effect from Hazards or Hazardous Materials.

Hydrology and Water Quality

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ Yes ☒ No Will the project potentially affect any watercourse or body of water?
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The proposed project area is on the North side of Highway 96 with the Highway as a buffer to the Klamath River. Proposed treatments are not anticipated to affect the watershed. Mastication treatments will retain chips on the property and any logged material will be removed from the project site.

Land Use and Planning

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Mineral Resources

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Noise

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The project area is remotely located and is not within close proximity to a business or residential areas. The proposed project will not result in significant adverse impacts to Noise.

Population and Housing

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Public Services

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Recreation

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Transportation and Traffic

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

These roads are part of a rural network frequently utilized for the transport of equipment, recreational vehicles, and forest products. The project will slightly increase the amount of traffic on the roads but not by a significant amount.

Utilities and Service Systems

- ☒ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☐ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Wildfire

- ☐ This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
☒ This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is post fire restoration with the goal of treating competing vegetation through sound forest management and decrease the future risk of wildfires.

This project will not increase the risk of wildfire.

Changes Made to Avoid Environmental Impacts:

If nest and den sites for Northern Spotted Owls, goshawk, raptors, fisher, ringtail, grey wolf or marten are found during the project, all operations in the vicinity will cease until site specific protection measures can be developed.

If any sensitive plant species are identified before or during implementation of treatments, operators will avoid trampling species of concern or rare plants, by hanging equipment exclusion zone flagging (or using pin flags if more effective) and directing crews away from the site(s) to protect these species.

CDFW wolf tracker will be used to verify gray wolf locations before implementation of treatment activities to determine whether gray wolves have been documented within or in the vicinity of a treatment area or if the treatment area is within the known home range of a documented gray wolf or gray wolf pack.

Fueling, servicing equipment will be done away from any surface water or water courses. Operators will have spill kits and shovels present at the site. If a spill occurs and the situation is safe, the operators will contain the spill and prevent

the spill from spreading or prevent the spill from expanding. Operators will shovel a dike or berm to contain or divert the spilled material. Bark, duff, or other forest litter or absorbent pads (if available) should be used to absorb spilled material.

Mandatory Findings of Significance:

YES

NO

(a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects.

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(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

☐☒**Justification for Use of a Categorical Exemption (discuss why the project is exempt, cite exemption number(s), and describe how the project fits the class):**

Pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA guidelines Section 15304 this project is exempt from CEQA as the project consists of minor alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Treatments will focus on the removal of dead vegetation and all standing dead and dying hardwoods and conifers to reduce hazards to directly benefit the life and safety of residents and travelling motorists in the area in addition to safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel.

Conclusion:

☒ After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of categorical exemptions to CEQA, SVRCD has determined that the project fits within one or more of the exemption classes and no exceptions exist at the project site which would preclude the use of this exemption. SVRCD considered the possibility of (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource. A notice of exemption will be filed with the County and the State Clearinghouse.

☐ After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of categorical exemptions to CEQA, SVRCD has determined that the project does not fit within the description for the various exemption classes or has found that exceptions exist at the project site that precludes the use of a categorical exemption for this project. Additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate CEQA document used may be a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or other CEQA document (e.g., EIR or CalVTP PSA).

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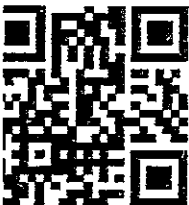
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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On 8/25/25, 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.

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| ☒ | Clerk Processing Fee | \$50.00 |
| ☐ | Negative Declaration | \$2,968.75* |
| ☐ | EIR | \$4,123.50 |
| ☒ | Categorically Exempt | \$0.00 |
| ☐ | Statutorily Exempt | \$0.00 |
| ☐ | Fee Exemption issued by the DFG | \$0.00 |
| ☐ | Other _____ | \$ _____ |

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

On 8/25/25, Shasta Valley RCD deposited \$ 50.00,
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk ENDORSED-D. BROOKS
(Attest)

Application No. N/A Receipt # 2625004448/
(To be completed when application is received for processing) 47-08/25/2025-041

* 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.