

**NOTICES OF COMPLETION, NOTICES OF DETERMINATION, NOTICES OF
AVAILABILITY AND NOTICES OF EXEMPTION**

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

**Pursuant to Public Resources Code e §21152C, the following
Notice of Completion, Notice of Determination, Notice of Availability
an/or Notice of Exemption, was posted on July 15, 2026
at the:**

**SISKIYOU COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
311 4TH ST., RM. 201 , YREKA, CA 96097**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

for

MCKINLEY SCOTT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT - AMENDMENT 2-HAND PILE BURNING

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: July 15, 2026

RETURNED TO: SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SVRCD)

DATED: _____

LAURA BYNUM , COUNTY CLERK

By: _____

Deputy

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	McKinley Scott Fuel Reduction Project – Amendment 2-Hand Pile Burning			
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located on Indian Creek Road and on Meamber Creek Road		COUNTY	Siskiyou
	Legal Description: portions of T44N, R9W sections 4,5,6; T44N, R10W section 1, 9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22 and 23; T45N, R9W section 33 MDBM			
LEAD AGENCY	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD)			
CONTACT	Dan Blessing, Shasta Valley RCD		PHONE	805-458-2684
ADDRESS	215 Executive Ct Ste A Yreka, CA 96097			

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project goals are to 1) improve forest health and resilience to severe wildfire, drought, disease, and pests, 2.) reduce wildfire risk for nearby communities and infrastructure, 3) facilitate fire suppression operations, 4) increase long-term carbon capture and storage to ensure treated and adjacent forested areas remain net sinks of carbon and continue to provide an abundance of ecosystem and societal benefits.

The amended project consists of reducing roadside vegetation by pile burning in the Scott Bar Mountains.

This amendment to the project is developed to address potential environmental impacts from conducting burning of the piles for the roadside hand thinning and slash piling on private timberlands currently owned by Acer Klamath Forests, LLC (AKF) and managed by FWS Forestry Services California, LLC (FWS). The timberlands covered by this document were formerly owned by Fruit Growers Supply Co. The project area is same as for the original and amendment #1 area of Scott Bar Mountain in the Meamber Creek drainage and above the Indian, Rattlesnake, and Patterson Creek drainages and is approximately 7 miles north of Fort Jones, CA in central Siskiyou County.

This supplemental project will further reduce hazardous fuels in roadside stands within 100' either side of Indian Creek and Meamber Creek Roads by burning the piles created by the handpiling of slash. The stand types to be treated include pine plantations, mixed-age natural mixed conifer stands, and non-commercial forest lands, mainly brush and hardwoods. Treatment activities will include burning of the slash piles under appropriate prescriptions that take into account both fire danger .

The project intends to 1.) improve forest health and resilience to severe wildfire, drought, disease, and pests, 2.) reduce wildfire risk for nearby communities and infrastructure, 3) facilitate fire suppression operations, 4) increase long-term carbon capture and storage to ensure treated and adjacent forested areas remain net sinks of carbon and continue to provide an abundance of ecosystem and societal benefits.

McKinley Scott Fuel Reduction Project Amendment 2 treatments include approximately 607 acres of pile burning of thinning slash within 100' on either side of the designated road segments. The treatment prescriptions will reduce hazardous fuel loads and horizontal and vertical fuel connectivity within the project footprint and facilitate future maintenance of these treatments.

Understory surface will be treated with the objective to limit surface fire with flame lengths of four feet or less in order to facilitate direct suppression operations and reduce the risk of crown fire initiation. This will be done by reducing surface fuels to less than five tons per acre in the treatment areas by burning the previously constructed piles.

The amended project area is dominated by mixed conifer forests with areas of hardwoods and rock outcroppings. Elevations along Meamber Creek Road range from approximately 2,855' to 4,660' with gentle to moderate slopes (generally 5 – 45% with some areas up to 60%). Elevations along Indian Creek Road range from approximately 3,655' to 5,315' with gentle to moderate slopes (generally 5 – 45%).

The project area will be fully stocked upon completion of the project.

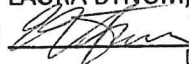
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ 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))

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LAURA BYNUM, CLERK

BY:  Deputy Clerk



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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. The amendment to the project involves prescribed hand pile burning. A current CNDDDB 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 Dan Blessing.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

Rod Dowse, District Manager
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District

7/15/20

Date

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

47-07/15/2026-037

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SVRCD)		07/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
SISKIYOU COUNTY	2026-47-037	
PROJECT TITLE		

MCKINLEY SCOTT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT - AMENDMENT 2-HAND PILE BURNING

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SVRCD)		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
215 EXECUTIVE CT STE A	YREKA	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)	\$ 4,227.50	\$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$ _____

☒ 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	\$ 50.00
☐ Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:☒ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other**TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00**

SIGNATURE

X**ENDORSED-E. FRANCO**

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Esmeralda Franco Deputy Clerk

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On 7/15/20, 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 | \$3,043.75* |
| ☐ | EIR | \$4,227.50 |
| ☐ | 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 7/15/20, Shasta Valley RCD deposited \$ 50.00,
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk [Signature].
(Attest)

Application No. N/A

Receipt # 2026005270

(To be completed when application is received for processing)

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* 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.

Laura Bynum
Siskiyou
County Clerk/Registrar of Voters
311 4th St., Rm. 201
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-8084

Public

Receipt No.: RPT20260000000561
Finalization No.: 2026005270
Cashier: efranco
Register: CLK-044
Date/Time: 07/15/2026 09:44 AM

Description	Fee
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
Filing Time:	09:44 AM
Filing Total:	\$50.00
Filing Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Cash Tendered:	\$50.00
Amount Due:	\$0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

