



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

2019048282

PROJECT TITLE	I-5 (Interstate 5) North Fuel Break Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Interstate 5 Hooker Creek Road Exit to Tehama/Shasta Co. Line (Post mile R26.5-42.1)	COUNTY	Tehama
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The I-5 fuel break was designed to establish a 6-mile fuel break in grass and oak woodland habitat within the Caltrans right of way on the west and east sides of the Interstate 5 Highway between Red Bluff and the Hooker Creek/Auction Yard overpass. In 2014 the project area was expanded 4 miles north and now terminates at the Tehama/Shasta County line. The fuel break is sized appropriately for the fuel type. The fuel break is maintained annually and consists of utilizing CAL FIRE inmate crews to hand cut/scalp annual grass approximately 6-10 feet in width parallel to the interstate. The fuel break is reinstalled each year after the grasses have cured and cease to grow.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Class 4 § 15304(i)– 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 Class 4 Section 15304 (c) & (f) – Minor alterations to Land
 Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE’s Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters.

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