

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____
Placer County Resource Conservation District (PCRCO)
11661 Blocker Drive, #115, Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Auburn Shaded Fuel Break - northern extension

Project Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Township 13 N, Range 8 E, Section 35; Township 12 N, Range 8 E, Section 2 (map attached)

Project Location - City: Auburn Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A, Section 1

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

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: Categorical Exemption - Class 4
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A, Section 2

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Maddison Easley Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-217-6257

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: Maddison Easley Date: 12/11/2019 Title: N.R. Coordinator

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: DEC 12 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Attachment A

Section 1

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

PCRCD is working with local, state, and federal partners to install a shaded fuel break along the rim of the north fork of the American River canyon to separate the City of Auburn from wildfire risks from dense fuels in the wild land of the canyon. The goal of the project is to reduce understory and ladder fuels, and thin the vegetation in the shaded fuel break footprint. Treatments will primarily include hand work and livestock grazing. In total, this project aims to treat 53 acres of privately-owned parcels. In most of the project boundary, fuels are dense, slopes are steep, and the fire risk is high. In the project area, or immediately adjacent to, there are 1848 habitable structures in the City and 300 on SRA lands, that are the most at risk from a wildfire coming out of the canyon. Through treatments resulting in a shaded fuel break, the entire City of Auburn and biological resources will be further protected from risks of a catastrophic wildfire.

Section 2

Reason why project is exempt:

PCRCD is proposing the qualification of exemption from a comprehensive CEQA analysis under the Class 4 category as follows: (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions. Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code. Discussion: This section describes the class of projects involving minor alterations to the land. The 1998 revision to the section specified that this exemption applies to fuel management activities which will not impact threatened or endangered species or result in significant erosion or sedimentation.

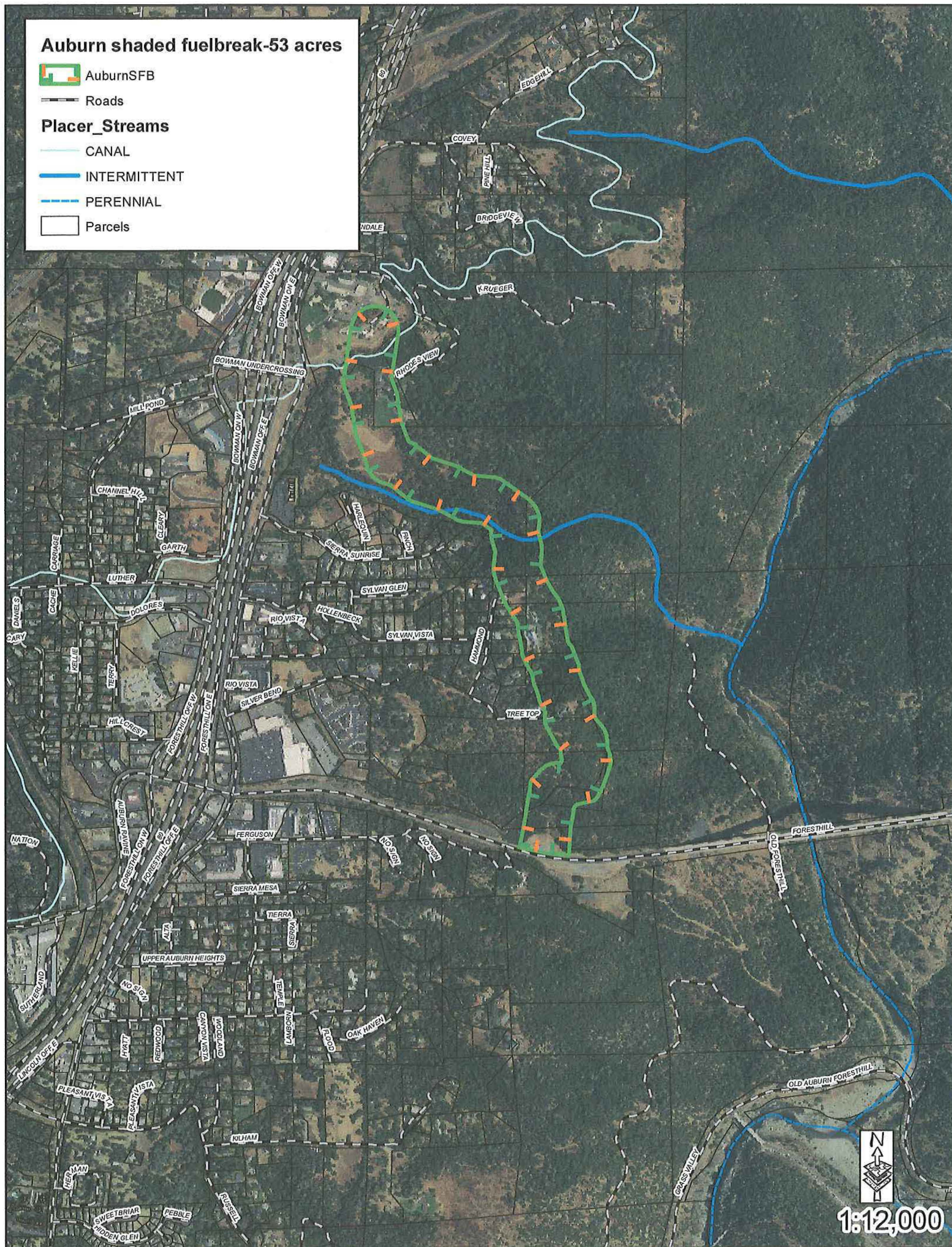
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