Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____
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From: (Public Agency): _____
California Department of Water Resources
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460 Glen Dr. Oroville, CA 95966
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(Address)

Project Title: ___Thermalito North Forebay Annual Controlled Burn_____

Project Applicant: ___California Department of Water Resources (DWR)_____

Project Location - Specific:
Thermalito North Forebay Recreation Area (TNFRA) south of Garden Dr. and just north of the Thermalito Power Canal.

Project Location - City: ___Oroville_____   Project Location - County: ___Butte_____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Cal-Fire will be conducting an annual controlled burn of up to 20 acres of grassland within the TNFRA. Land is owned by CA DWR and managed by CA Department of State Parks. This burn is being conducted to manage the thick grassland vegetation and to alleviate a safety concern due to Future July 4th Fireworks Celebration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: ___DWR_____
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ___Cal-Fire_____

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: ___Class 4 (d), Minor Alterations to Land_____
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
When conditions are appropriate, the burn is anticipated to take 3-6 hours in mid June. Very little ground disturbance (other than fire) will occur, and all sensitive resources will be flagged and avoided by fire crews. No known sensitive resources will be negatively impacted due to this activity. This project will benefit the natural environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: ___Robin Carter-Ervin_____   Area Code/Telephone/Extension: ___(530) 534-2570_____

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: _Robin Carter-Ervin_____   Date: __5/18/2020_____   Title: ___Environmental Scientist_____

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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: _____

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