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LEAD AGENCY

PLACER COUNTY DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

DATE

07/23/2020

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

PLACER COUNTY CLERK AUBURN

PROJECT TITLE

NOXIOUS WEED REMOVAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

PLACER COUNTY DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

PHONE NUMBER

530-889-7323

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

11477 E AVENUE BLDG 306

CITY

AUBURN

STATE

CA

ZIPCODE

95603

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND) (ND)	\$2,406.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP)	\$1,136.50	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee	\$50.00	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> DFG No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other _____

TOTAL RECEIVED \$50.00

SIGNATURE

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K. Shufelberger

TITLE

K. Shufelberger, DEPUTY

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Notice of Exemption

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To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814
☒ County Clerk
County of Placer

From: County of Placer
Placer County Department of Agriculture
11477 E Avenue
Bldg 306
Auburn, CA 95603
530-889-7323
Michael Plotz

Project Title: Noxious Weed Removal

Project Number: #19-1234-000-SG

APN#: Countywide

Project Location: Countywide

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: See Attached

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Board of Supervisors

Entitlement/Action Date

June 23, 2020

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Placer County Department of Agriculture

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: 15307 and 15308
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Actions taken by a regulatory agency to assure the protection of the environment (control and eradication of invasive species).

Lead Agency Contact Person

Josh Huntsinger, Agricultural Commissioner, 530.889.7372

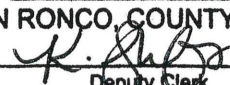
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Department of Agriculture

Date

July 23, 2020

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PROJECT APPLICATION
County of Placer
 Prepared by Michael Plotz 1/27/2020

I. Project Overview (FAC 7272.5)

Project Goals and Objectives (check all that apply):

- ☒ Increase the profitability and value of crop land and rangeland
- ☒ Decrease the costs of roadside, park, and waterway maintenance
- ☒ Reduce the fire hazard and fire control costs in the state
- ☒ Protect the biodiversity of native ecosystems
- ☒ Maintain the recreational and aesthetic value of open space, recreational, and public areas
- ☒ Increase water supply and flow

Project Activities (check all that apply):

- ☒ Operation of programs by the county agricultural commissioner for control of noxious weeds along county roads and other local government owned property
- ☒ Matching funds for control of noxious weeds on city owned streets, parks, rights-of-way, and other public areas
- ☐ Disseminating biological control agents by the county agricultural commissioner for the long-term control of yellow starthistle or other noxious weeds
- ☒ Abatement of noxious weed infestations on land vital to the success of the program

II. Project Plan**Weed Species to be Controlled:**

The following weeds are the primary control and eradication targets for this project. Each has been selected for priority action based on evaluation by WMA partners, historic efforts and recent observed trends.

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| • Spotted knapweed | • Musk thistle | • Dyer's Woad |
| • Diffuse knapweed | • Perennial pepperweed | • Myrtle Spurge |
| • Dalmatian toadflax | • Canada thistle | • Hoary Alyssum |
| • Scotch thistle | • Stinkwort | • Russian knapweed |
| • Skeletonweed | • Yellow starthistle | • Broom species |

Each of these weed species are identified for priority action on either the Nevada-Placer WMA priority list, the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group priority list, or in Cal-IPCs North Sierra Region Strategic Plan.

Methodology:Program Administration:

Manage cooperative agreement including invoices and required reports; communicate program goals, objectives; and methods to staff; prioritize survey and control activities; schedule project assignments; recruit and hire seasonal field staff; oversee staff training.

Outreach/Education:

Coordinate project activities with WMA partners; outreach to and interact with various stakeholders including property owners, land managers, homeowners associations and agency staff to inform them of weed occurrences and impacts and to secure permissions to access properties and conduct necessary treatments; develop outreach materials; conduct presentations and trainings to interested parties.

Survey/Mapping:

Conduct early detection surveys and survey known infestation sites; map and track all sites using Calflora's Observer Pro app and WeedManager system; utilize CalWeedMapper to identify new weed infestation threats to the project area.

Control/Eradication:

Conduct appropriate control treatments (herbicide and mechanical); monitor treatment success and conduct follow-up treatments as necessary.

The Placer County Agriculture Department will meet CEQA compliance by filing a notice of exemption under sections 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). See Board Memorandum Attachment

Location(s): See Attachment

Weed Removal/Control Techniques(s):

All weed occurrences and infestations will be evaluated individually by experienced Agricultural Department staff. Chemical and mechanical treatments will be selected and applied in accordance with specific local conditions. Herbicide selection and use will follow prescriptions outlined in current recommendations provided by a licensed pest control advisor.

Control tools will include a power sprayer, backpack sprayer, shovels and weed wrenches.

Herbicides expected to be used: Milestone VM, Capstone, Telar XP, Transline, Garlon 4a, and RoundUp Pro.

Gaining access to treat private property along the Truckee River has been an ongoing challenge for us. Assistance from the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) has been instrumental in helping Agriculture Department staff contact private landowners in the area and to acquire permissions to access properties and conduct treatments.

III. Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to submit a mid-year report to CDFA documenting a visual representation of the project's progress on September 1, 2020.

Final project reports are required 30 days after project completion, no later than January 30, 2021. Final project reports should include detailed information on project results and include photos of field work showing progress (before/after photos).

All sites will be recorded and field mapped using Calflora's Observer Pro/WeedManager system. Collected information will include date, location, site ownership, net/gross acres infested, number of plants, treatment type (or survey only) and type of herbicide applied. The Placer County Agriculture Department has successfully used this system in partnership with Calflora since 2014 to map and manage hundreds of weed infestation sites. Mapped sites will be uploaded to Calflora daily.

Throughout the project we will be able to report on the following information per species:

- number of new populations found
- number of total populations
- number of populations treated
- number of populations monitored/controlled
- number of populations eradicated
- percent decrease (by net acreage)

The Placer County Agriculture Department leads the Nevada-Placer WMA, co-chairs the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group and has an active noxious weed control program. Both WMA groups operate under current memorandums of understanding and meet quarterly. The Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group maintains a website and webpages for both groups will be updated at www.Cal-IPC.org