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**MARIPOSA COUNTY
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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TO: County Clerk, County of Mariposa
P.O. Box 247
Mariposa, CA 95338

FROM: Mariposa County Planning Department
P.O. Box 2039
Mariposa, CA 95338

Project Title: Mariposa Creek Traditional Ecological Restoration Project

Project Location: The project is located adjacent to Mariposa Creek, between 6th Street and Joe Howard Street on Mariposa County-owned right of way.

**Description
Of Project:**

The project proposes sitework, including culturally appropriate prescribed fire and adaptive management strategies for invasive species removal, and revegetation with native plant species at a location with strategic value for active transportation and recreation. This includes the portions of APNs 012-143-0040; 012-143-0010; 013-130-0770; 013-130-0780; 013-130-0060 that are adjacent to Mariposa Creek. The parcels are located in the General Plan land use classification of the Mariposa Town Planning Study Area, and feature a range of zoning designations, including General Commercial, Mountain Home Zone, and Scenic Resources Zone. All parcels are property of Mariposa County.

This project entails landscape maintenance and native species revegetation. It is structured to ensure minimal risk of wildland fire conflagration. Preliminary site work will include cutting lines around existing infrastructure and canopy trees to limit the likelihood of unintended ignitions. Burning operations will be timed to occur in the winter, when high-moisture conditions are conducive to low-intensity prescribed fire, and specific weather patterns (including wind speed/direction, temperature, and humidity) will be closely monitored before determining a specific day to conduct burning activities. Professional fire personnel, including the Mariposa County and Tuolumne Rancheria Fire Departments, as well as CALFIRE, will be on-site to coordinate both site preparation and prescribed burning activities, and to respond rapidly to potentially hazardous fire conditions. A smoke management permit from the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District has been prepared and submitted for this project.

The project applies an adaptive management approach to invasive species removal, meaning that chemical treatments may be considered in addition to prescribed fire. If chemical treatments are recommended, herbicides will be administered by and under the direction of individuals holding a qualified applicator's license from the California Department of Pesticide Regulations, and will be applied using targeted methods, such as "cut stump" or "cut and swab." Any chemical herbicides will be applied in accordance with the applicable instructions and best practices for the herbicide in question.

Revegetation activities will emphasize native, drought- and fire-resistant species adapted for the site's specific riparian conditions and requiring minimal supplemental water and no artificial fertilizers. Revegetation areas will be monitored and adequately maintained to ensure establishment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mariposa County Planning Department

Name of Person Carrying Out Project: Mikey Goralnik, Community Design and Development Planner

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption, Class 1; Section 15301 (h) and (i), and 15304 (b)

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: The project consists of maintenance of existing landscaping and native growth and involves no expansion. It involves maintenance of wildlife habitat areas and stream flows to protect fish and wildlife resources. The project also consists of new landscaping to include more water efficient or fire-resistant landscaping. Accordingly, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mikey Goralnik

Phone Number: (209) 742-1222

Mariposa County Planning Department



Sarah Williams, Planning Director

1/11/2021

Date



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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY

Mariposa County Planning Department

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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DATE

1/11/2021

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Mariposa

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Mariposa Creek Traditional Ecological Restoration Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Mariposa County Planning Commission

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PO Box 2039

CITY

Mariposa

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

95338

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$3,445.25

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,480.25

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,171.25

\$

0.00

☒ 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

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

0.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

0.00

SIGNATURE

X Karen M Herman

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Herman

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Karen M. Herman, Deputy County Clerk, County of Mariposa



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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

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Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090