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Mariposa County Resource Conservation District

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
PO Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
  
County Clerk  
County of Mariposa  
PO Box 247  
Mariposa, CA 95338

From: Mariposa County Resource Conservation District  
PO Box 2403  
Mariposa, CA 95338

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**KEITH M. WILLIAMS**  
MARIPOSA COUNTY CLERK  
*Jenny Landy*

Project Title: Yosemite National Park, Wawona and Yosemite West Road Hazard Tree and Biomass Removal (Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery [SSARR], Phase II)

Project Applicant: Yosemite National Park (YNP)

Project Location - Specific: Yosemite Valley, centered on 37.72468313135313, -119.62292584851994

Wawona, centered on 37.544004, -119.646874

Yosemite West, centered on 37.648825195018574, -119.7174141701474. See attached map

Project Location - City: Yosemite NP, Wawona, Yosemite-West

Project Location - County: Mariposa County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will remove hazard trees and biomass as a continuation of the Mariposa County SSARR Fuels Reduction and Biomass Utilization project within Yosemite National Park and the communities of Wawona and Yosemite West. The primary goal of the project is to remove hazard trees and biomass up to 200 feet from roadways on Federal, Mariposa County, and private lands. Small diameter green trees (<20" DBH) or hazard trees will be fallen. Biomass will be transported offsite and converted into electricity.

The work is critical to meet the public safety and tree disposal needs stemming from widespread tree mortality in the southern Sierra Nevada. The project protects infrastructure and increases public safety by removing hazard trees and thinning fuels on critical corridors in High and Very High Severity Fire Hazard Zones. It also protects communities located within the Wildland Urban Interface, specifically Yosemite West and Wawona. This project also creates a fuel break in the event of wildland fire or if a prescribed fire is to be conducted.

No work will be done within the bed, bank or channel of any existing drainage, or culturally sensitive sites within the project areas and sensitive biological resources will be flagged and avoided.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County RCD

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1); Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. Mariposa County Resource Conservation District will provide grant funding to YNP to reduce forest fuels on federal land. All the proposed Project activities are included in the NEPA YNP Fire Management Plan Record of Decision (September 2019).

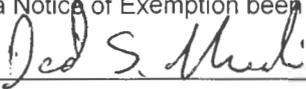
Private lands are exempt based on the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency October 30, 2015 due to tree mortality. Wawona and Yosemite West are within Very High Severity fire risk zones within Mariposa County which was designated by the Governor for this Emergency Project exemption (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)).

Lead Agency: Mariposa County Resource  
Conservation District  
Contact Person: Melinda Barrett

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559)580-0944

**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:     Date: 03/22/2022    Title: Board President

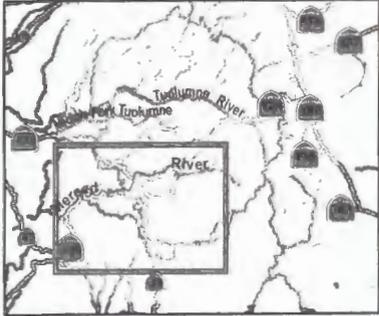
Signed by Lead Agency    Signed by Applicant

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery, Phase II Overview

Mariposa County RCD  
Yosemite National Park



Park Boundary  
 Roads

## Project

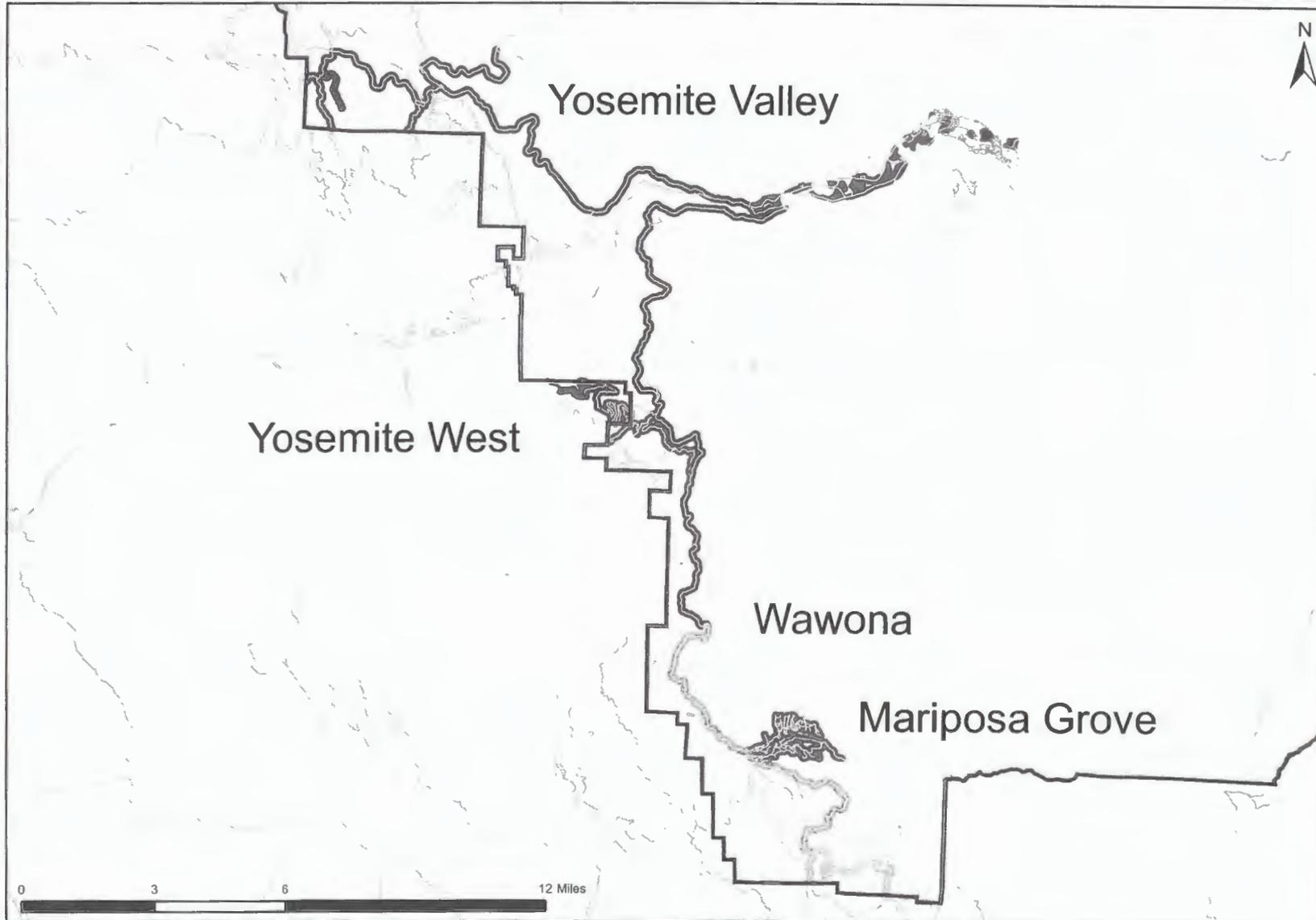
- CCI Phase 1 - 85% complete
- CCI Phase 2 - proposed
- Ferguson Fire Recovery - in progress
- Reforestation Area - proposed
- WCB Phase 1 - complete
- WCB Phase 2 - in progress

## Fire History

Multi-year Fuels Plant (2021 - 2025)

Project (Wawona)	Acres	Mileage
CCI Phase 1	456.58	9.44
CCI Phase 2	539.46	15.95
Ferguson Fire Recovery	558.06	11.92
WCB Phase 1	208.75	4.44
Project Yosemite West (Private)	Acres	Mileage
CCI Phase 2	241.61	4.41
WCB Phase 2 (Sewage Ponds Rd)	87.01	1.84
Project Yosemite West (NPS)	Acres	Mileage
CCI Phase 2	223.39	4.97
WCB Phase 2 (After Creek to ROSE Valley)	793.98	16.73
Project Yosemite Valley	Acres	
CCI Phase 2	410.25	

Project ID 20-FH-MMU-002  
Project Name: SSARR Phase II  
Project Proponent: Mariposa County RCD





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 01 — 03/22/2022 —  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Mariposa County Resource Conservation District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL barrett.melinda1@gmail.com	DATE 03/22/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Select County/State Agency <input type="button" value="v"/>		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE  
 Yosemite National Park, Wawona & Yosemite West Road Hazard Tree and Biomass Removal

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Yosemite National Park/Mariposa County Resources Conservation District	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL barret.melinda1@gmail.com	PHONE NUMBER (559) 580-0944
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 2403	CITY Mariposa	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 95338	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

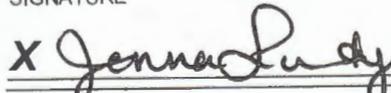
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Jenna Landy, 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:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090