

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda**October 16, 2024**TCRCD Office Conference
Room**5:30PM**20 Horseshoe Lane, Suite 2B
Weaverville, CA

Mike Rourke 5:30 PM

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Discuss/Take Action on Approval of Agenda
- 3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1 Discuss and Approve Minutes of September 18, 2024
- 4.0 Financial Report
 - 4.1 Discuss Updated August Monthly Financial Report
 - 4.2 Discuss September Monthly Financial Report
 - 4.3 Discuss/Approve List of Warrants for September 2024
- 5.0 Projects Report
- 6.0 NRCS Report
- 7.0 Trinity Collaborative Report
- 8.0 Discuss/Take Action: Resolution 2024-05, Board Authorization for K. Sheen to Execute Documents on behalf of TCRCD as Beneficiary of Dennis G. Fox
- 9.0 Discuss/Take Action on the Notice of Exemption, Middle Trinity Fuels Reduction Phase I: Junction City (Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations to Land)
- 10.0 Discuss/Take Action on Revised Organizational Chart
- 11.0 Board Reports/Correspondence
- 12.0 Assistant District Manager's Report
- 13.0 District Manager's Report
- 14.0 Closed Session: Government Code § 54957(b): District Manager's Report
- 15.0 Adjourn



TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2024 * 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: (In Person) Mike Rourke, Josh Brown, Mary Ellen Grigsby, John Ritz, Kent Collard

Board Members Present via Zoom: None

Board Members Absent: None

District Staff: Kelly Sheen, Kayla Meyer, Joan Caldwell, Marla Walters

District Staff Present via Zoom: None

Other Agency Staff: None

Guests:

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by M. Rourke.

2.0 Discuss/Take Action on Approval of Agenda

K. Sheen requested that Items 9 and 10 be switched, for September 18 and going forward.

MSC: Grigsby/Ritz to approve the Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes

3.1 Discuss and Approve Minutes of August 21, 2024

M. Grigsby noted a correction: that John Ritz was present at the 8/21 meeting. With that correction:

MSC: J. Ritz/K. Collard to approve Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Discuss and Approve Minutes of August 28, 2024

MSC: Grigsby/Brown to approve Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.



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4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Discuss Updated July Monthly Financial Report

J. Caldwell stated that K. Meyer had successfully requested some reimbursement of a camp counselor's salary from The Watershed Research and Training Center. She also noted there is still some invoicing to do. CAL FIRE is requiring that advances be placed in an interest bearing account; we have put it in the money market. Caldwell also now must track and note the amount of interest earned in the invoices.

4.2 Discuss August Monthly Financial Report

Caldwell noted that NFWF and CalTrans invoicing still needs to be done. However, FY 23-24 will still likely be in the black. K. Sheen stated that although we thought our NICRA would be 14.41%, it will likely be 14.85%, which will increase revenues.

4.3 Discuss/Approve List of Warrants for August 2024

Caldwell noted that for C. Tarwater's new CalTrans project, she was able to set up ACH payments. She hopes they will allow the other CalTrans projects to be handled similarly.

MSC: Collard/Ritz to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$748,850.67.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Projects Report

The Projects Report was reviewed. Questions: When will the dive data be available? Also, some grants did not have dollar amounts. K. Sheen will look into these items. The staff was thanked for the report.

6.0 NRCS Report

C. Cole was not present but submitted his report:

The Weaverville field office has fully obligated all of its contracts, the last administrative steps to finalize participants' contracts. We are now continuing to work with active contracts and begin the planning process for new participants. The deadline for new applications for our EQIP program will be in early November so if folks might be interested in our programs they will need to get an application in to us in the next month or so. We always accept applications but if this date is not met they will not be able to get a project funded in fiscal year 25 unless they have another sign-up date.



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7.0 Trinity Collaborative Report

K. Sheen reported:

A letter from the Collaborative has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors, seeking support for a request about simplifying the appointment of RAC committee members, which is presently very tedious and can take up to two years to fill seats.

A field trip had to be postponed, but several remain scheduled: Junction City, Big Ranch, Hayfork/Pilot, and the Weaverville fuel break.

The Rec Committee met. The RCD will be serving as the lead agency on the CEQA for the Minersville boat ramp project.

Friday will be a meeting of the full Collaborative.

8.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

M. Grigsby described the funding request by the 5C's Council for the Odd Fellow's Road repairs. K. Sheen noted that the RCD may be involved with the CEQA for that project.

9.0 Assistant District Manager's Report

K. Meyer announced that she will be on Family Leave beginning 9/23 and returning in early November.

She has been working on proposals for the Farmer's Market. She also has been working with C. Cole on the NACD funding for a new planner. She described some of the difficulties in the recruitment and retention of NRCS staff.

10.0 District Manager's Report

K. Sheen discussed the status of three positions: 1. A Fire Safe Council Project Coordinator; 2. Watershed Program Manager, and 3. Environmental Compliance Program Manager (filled recently by Dylan Kirkley).

Staff meetings are back to once per month. Other standing monthly meetings are the Management Team meeting and the new Fiscal Team meeting.

K. Sheen is working on having N. Goulette and a board member from the WRTC attend one of our board meetings.



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There will be a celebration of the new land acquisition by the Pacific Forest Trust (nearly 11,000 acres in the Trinity Headwaters of the north county). The celebration will take place in Mt. Shasta.

11.0 Closed Session: Government Code § 54957(b)

The board went into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

The board came out of Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

Nothing to report.

12.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Approved and adopted this ___ day of October, 2024. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2024, were duly adopted by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

(Secretary Signature)

Trinity County Resource Conservation District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Income Statement - Board Meeting
From 8/1/2024 Through 8/31/2024

		Initial Report	Updated Report	Updated Year Actual
Revenues				
1	Grant & contract revenue	4000	268,154.69	609,913.82
2	Fee for service revenue	4100	1,230.00	1,230.00
3	Contributions revenue	4200	3,816.80	3,816.80
4	Dues revenue	4300	120.00	120.00
5	Registration revenue	4350	(250.00)	(250.00)
6	Rental income - facilities	4400	1,730.00	1,730.00
7	Rental income - equipment	4450	50.00	50.00
8	Sales revenue - taxable	4500	0.00	0.00
9	Other revenue	4800	279.00	279.00
10	Vehicle & equipment use fee revenue	4900	<u>22,716.01</u>	22,706.01
11	Total Revenues		<u>297,846.50</u>	639,595.63
12				1,317,670.00
Salaries & benefits				
Salaries				
15	Salaries & wages	5000	219,964.22	219,964.22
16	Wage reimbursement	5010	0.00	0.00
17	Pay in lieu of health insurance	5020	3,212.48	3,212.48
18	Wireless phone stipend	5030	<u>1,200.00</u>	1,200.00
19	Total Salaries		224,376.70	224,376.70
20	Benefits			
21	Payroll tax expense	5100	18,888.45	18,888.45
22	Paid time off expense	5200	21,342.01	21,342.01
23	Deferred compensation expense	5300	1,800.00	1,800.00
24	Health insurance expense	5400	30,584.12	30,584.12
25	Air medical expense	5450	(150.00)	(150.00)
26	Dental insurance expense	5500	1,964.70	1,964.70
27	Vision insurance expense	5550	425.70	425.70
28	Workers' compensation expense	5600	<u>11,781.36</u>	14,657.82
29	Total Benefits		<u>86,636.34</u>	89,512.80
30	Total Salaries & benefits		<u>311,013.04</u>	313,889.50
31				658,729.90
Travel expenses				
33	Conferences/training/professional development	5800	625.00	625.00
34	Meals expense	5820	59.00	59.00
35	Mileage expense	5860	10,365.57	10,365.57
36	Travel expense	5880	<u>1,266.42</u>	1,266.42
37	Total Travel expenses		<u>12,315.99</u>	12,315.99
38				25,723.00
Contract expenses				
40	Contract services - field	7150	231,802.00	233,118.96
41	Contract services - professional	7180	<u>5,603.97</u>	6,703.97
42	Total Contract expenses		<u>237,405.97</u>	239,822.93
43				422,173.66
Operating expenses				
45	Accounting & auditing fees	7000	18,603.53	18,603.53
46	Advertising	7030	256.64	476.37
47	Bank fees/services charges	7060	40.25	40.25
48	Board expense	7090	22.27	22.27
49	Computer expense	7120	2,063.22	1,872.11
50	Computer software/licensing	7130	505.44	505.44

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51	Dues/subscriptions/publications	7240	176.00	176.00	224.00
52	Equipment rent or usage expense	7270	29,175.00	29,165.00	72,375.00
53	Field equipment expense	7300	1,139.54	11,227.94	11,780.90
54	Field materials expense	7310	7,555.31	12,433.77	28,794.45
55	Finance charges	7330	0.00	0.00	2.80
56	Insurance - liability, property, D&O	7390	5,111.24	5,111.24	10,706.63
57	Interest expense	7420	290.09	290.09	577.50
58	Internet service expense	7430	131.83	347.19	532.86
59	Janitorial expense	7450	1,372.87	1,372.87	2,485.23
60	Office supplies	7540	641.33	641.33	1,238.52
61	Other outside services	7570	505.00	505.00	1,168.00
62	Postage & shipping	7630	73.00	73.00	177.45
63	Public education	7690	0.00	0.00	300.00
64	Rent expense	7720	3,445.00	3,445.00	6,890.00
65	Repairs & maintenance	7750	22.71	22.71	140.67
66	Telephone expense	7780	570.95	570.95	1,141.90
67	Timber purchase expense	7840	20.00	20.00	20.00
68	Utilities	7870	1,136.43	1,256.43	2,808.04
69	Vehicle fuel	7900	60.00	5,632.65	12,715.47
70	Vehicle maintenance & fees	7930	28.00	28.00	5,472.67
71	Vehicle rent or usage expense	7940	<u>7,090.00</u>	<u>7,090.00</u>	<u>9,020.00</u>
72	Total Operating expenses		<u>80,035.65</u>	<u>100,929.14</u>	<u>191,872.86</u>
73					
74	Total direct expenditures		<u>640,770.65</u>	<u>666,957.56</u>	<u>1,298,499.42</u>
75					
76	Total expenditures		<u>640,770.65</u>	<u>666,957.56</u>	<u>1,298,499.42</u>
77					
78	Other revenue				
79	Interest income	8000	<u>2,119.45</u>	<u>1,096.87</u>	<u>2,208.34</u>
80	Total Other revenue		<u>2,119.45</u>	<u>1,096.87</u>	<u>2,208.34</u>
81					
82	Net income		(340,804.70)	(26,265.06)	21,378.92

Trinity County Resource Conservation District
Balance Sheet - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
As of 8/31/2024

			Initial Period Balance	Updated Period Balance
1	Assets			
2	Current Assets			
3	Cash & Cash Equivalents			
4	CIB - Tri #369124284 Main acct	1010	366,285.16	363,273.42
5	CIB - Tri #361037698 Money market	1012	1,127,914.36	1,127,914.36
6	Credit card payable	1030	(29,536.08)	(25,803.84)
7	Petty cash	1050	250.00	250.00
8	Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		1,464,913.44	1,465,633.94
9	Accounts Receivable			
10	Accounts Receivable	1425	839,835.18	1,173,947.08
11	Total Accounts Receivable		839,835.18	1,173,947.08
12	Total Current Assets		2,304,748.62	2,639,581.02
13	Long-term Assets			
14	Property & Equipment			
15	Furniture & equipment	1900	182,989.37	182,989.37
16	Vehicles	1910	494,048.64	494,048.64
17	Accumulated depreciation	1990	(433,623.28)	(433,623.28)
18	Total Property & Equipment		243,414.73	243,414.73
19	Total Long-term Assets		243,414.73	243,414.73
20	Total Assets		<u>2,548,163.35</u>	2,882,995.75
21				
22	Liabilities			
23	Short-term Liabilities			
24	Accounts Payable			
25	Accounts payable	2000	366,451.22	429,239.66
26	Accrued allowance for audit	2100	51,545.03	51,545.03
27	Accrued payroll	2150	89,880.14	89,880.14
28	Federal W/H payable	2200	10,034.50	10,034.50
29	Social security payable	2210	14,337.38	14,337.38
30	Medicare payable	2220	3,353.12	3,353.12
31	State W/H payable	2230	3,840.43	3,840.43
32	SDI W/H payable	2240	1,270.36	1,270.36
33	State unemployment payable	2250	355.56	355.56
34	Deferred compensation deductions	2300	1,500.00	1,500.00
35	Health insurance premiums deductions	2310	(49.13)	(49.13)
36	Dental insurance premiums deductions	2320	34.06	34.06
37	Vision insurance premiums deductions	2325	0.15	0.15
38	Garnishments/levies deductions	2340	388.74	388.74
39	TCRCD scholarship fund P/R deduction	2350	683.64	683.64
40	Friends of TCRCD P/R deduction	2351	1,578.37	1,578.37
41	Young Family Ranch P/R deduction	2352	723.76	723.76
42	Accrued paid time off payable	2400	72,033.09	72,033.09
43	Accrued deferred compensation match	2450	950.00	950.00
44	Accrued health insurance payable	2460	(978.04)	(978.04)
45	Accrued air medical payable	2465	6,000.00	6,000.00
46	Accrued dental insurance payable	2470	(160.56)	(73.24)
47	Accrued vision insurance payable	2475	(3.90)	(3.90)

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48	Accrued workers' comp premiums payable	2480	(32,963.19)	(59,867.65)
49	Sales tax payable	2500	2.45	2.02
50	CA Vendors Tax	2505	<u>343.00</u>	343.00
51	Total Accounts Payable		591,150.18	627,121.05
52	Deferred Revenue			
53	Deferred revenue - refundable advances	2700	<u>1,274,063.24</u>	1,155,475.22
54	Total Deferred Revenue		<u>1,274,063.24</u>	1,155,475.22
55	Total Short-term Liabilities		1,865,213.42	1,782,596.27
56	Long-term Liabilities			
57	Notes Payable			
58	EBT Funds-Farmers Market	2060	(14.45)	(14.45)
59	Note - Ford Credit 8746	2611	28,725.64	28,725.64
60	Note - Ford Credit 7811	2612	<u>20,825.06</u>	20,825.06
61	Total Notes Payable		<u>49,536.25</u>	49,536.25
62	Total Long-term Liabilities		<u>49,536.25</u>	49,536.25
63	Total Liabilities		<u>1,914,749.67</u>	1,832,132.52
64				
65	Net Assets			
66	Beginning net assets			
67	Net assets - temporarily restricted	3000	(299,473.71)	(299,969.75)
68	Net assets - unrestricted	3100	1,069,418.80	1,086,039.33
69	Investments in capital assets	3200	<u>243,414.73</u>	243,414.73
70	Total Beginning net assets		1,013,359.82	1,029,484.31
71	Current YTD net income			
72			(379,946.14)	21,378.92
73	Total Current YTD net income		(379,946.14)	21,378.92
74	Total Net Assets		<u>633,413.68</u>	1,050,863.23
75				
76	Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u>2,548,163.35</u>	2,882,995.75

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From 9/1/2024 Through 9/30/2024

		Initial Report	Initial Year Actual
1	Revenues		
2	Grant & contract revenue	4000	339,644.09
3	Fee for service revenue	4100	0.00
4	Contributions revenue	4200	29.00
5	Dues revenue	4300	0.00
6	Registration revenue	4350	0.00
7	Rental income - facilities	4400	2,385.00
8	Rental income - equipment	4450	100.00
9	Sales revenue - taxable	4500	0.00
10	Other revenue	4800	240.00
11	Vehicle & equipment use fee revenue	4900	21,391.91
12	Total Revenues	363,790.00	1,681,460.00
13			
14	Salaries & benefits		
15	Salaries		
16	Salaries & wages	5000	214,779.84
17	Wage reimbursement	5010	0.00
18	Pay in lieu of health insurance	5020	2,312.48
19	Wireless phone stipend	5030	1,275.00
20	Total Salaries	218,367.32	689,301.26
21	Benefits		
22	Payroll tax expense	5100	18,328.12
23	Paid time off expense	5200	18,120.41
24	Deferred compensation expense	5300	1,800.00
25	Health insurance expense	5400	29,994.26
26	Air medical expense	5450	450.00
27	Dental insurance expense	5500	1,921.04
28	Vision insurance expense	5550	416.24
29	Workers' compensation expense	5600	11,372.04
30	Total Benefits	82,402.11	270,198.07
31	Total Salaries & benefits	300,769.43	959,499.33
32			
33	Travel expenses		
34	Conferences/training/professional development	5800	180.00
35	Meals expense	5820	0.00
36	Mileage expense	5860	8,088.91
37	Travel expense	5880	1,568.50
38	Total Travel expenses	9,837.41	35,560.41
39			
40	Contract expenses		
41	Contract services - field	7150	147,239.00
42	Contract services - professional	7180	36,428.64
43	Total Contract expenses	183,667.64	605,841.30
44			
45	Operating expenses		
46	Accounting & auditing fees	7000	0.00
47	Advertising	7030	2,237.00
48	Bank fees/services charges	7060	539.00

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49	Board expense	7090	22.73	79.72
50	Computer expense	7120	151.03	3,333.18
51	Computer software/licensing	7130	439.79	1,311.27
52	Dues/subscriptions/publications	7240	7,966.00	8,190.00
53	Equipment rent or usage expense	7270	30,795.00	103,170.00
54	Field equipment expense	7300	2,279.17	14,060.07
55	Field materials expense	7310	15,556.14	44,350.59
56	Finance charges	7330	0.00	2.80
57	Insurance - liability, property, D&O	7390	5,111.24	15,817.87
58	Interest expense	7420	287.73	865.23
59	Internet service expense	7430	131.83	664.69
60	Janitorial expense	7450	1,137.24	3,622.47
61	Office supplies	7540	200.25	1,438.77
62	Other outside services	7570	0.00	1,168.00
63	Postage & shipping	7630	219.00	396.45
64	Printing & publishing	7660	1,039.91	1,039.91
65	Public education	7690	0.00	300.00
66	Rent expense	7720	3,445.00	10,335.00
67	Repairs & maintenance	7750	73.49	214.16
68	Telephone expense	7780	570.95	1,712.85
69	Timber purchase expense	7840	0.00	20.00
70	Utilities	7870	1,385.99	4,194.03
71	Vehicle fuel	7900	137.76	12,853.23
72	Vehicle maintenance & fees	7930	1,010.42	6,483.09
73	Vehicle rent or usage expense	7940	7,175.00	16,195.00
74	Total Operating expenses		81,911.67	273,784.53
75				
76	Total direct expenditures		576,186.15	1,874,685.57
77				
78	Total expenditures		576,186.15	1,874,685.57
79				
80	Other revenue			
81	Interest income	8000	3,859.32	6,067.66
82	Total Other revenue		3,859.32	6,067.66
83				
84	Net income		(208,536.83)	(187,157.91)

Trinity County Resource Conservation District
Balance Sheet - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
As of 9/30/2024

Initial Period Balance

1	Assets		
2	Current Assets		
3	Cash & Cash Equivalents		
4	CIB - Tri #369124284 Main acct	1010	460,983.59
5	CIB - Tri #361037698 Money market	1012	1,131,773.68
6	Credit card payable	1030	(21,991.55)
7	Petty cash	1050	250.00
8	Total Cash & Cash Equivalents		1,571,015.72
9	Accounts Receivable		
10	Accounts Receivable	1425	699,760.66
11	Total Accounts Receivable		699,760.66
12	Prepaid Expenses		
13	Deposits & prepaid expenses	1700	46,001.15
14	Total Prepaid Expenses		46,001.15
15	Total Current Assets		2,316,777.53
16	Long-term Assets		
17	Property & Equipment		
18	Furniture & equipment	1900	182,989.37
19	Vehicles	1910	494,048.64
20	Accumulated depreciation	1990	(433,623.28)
21	Total Property & Equipment		243,414.73
22	Total Long-term Assets		243,414.73
23	Total Assets		2,560,192.26
24			
25	Liabilities		
26	Short-term Liabilities		
27	Accounts Payable		
28	Accounts payable	2000	344,678.94
29	Accrued allowance for audit	2100	51,545.03
30	Accrued payroll	2150	91,490.32
31	Federal W/H payable	2200	11,706.14
32	Social security payable	2210	14,842.70
33	Medicare payable	2220	3,471.24
34	State W/H payable	2230	4,595.41
35	SDI W/H payable	2240	1,315.15
36	State unemployment payable	2250	265.19
37	Deferred compensation deductions	2300	1,500.00
38	Health insurance premiums deductions	2310	(49.13)
39	Dental insurance premiums deductions	2320	(87.61)
40	Vision insurance premiums deductions	2325	0.15
41	Garnishments/levies deductions	2340	194.37
42	TCRCD scholarship fund P/R deduction	2350	773.64
43	Friends of TCRCD P/R deduction	2351	1,588.37
44	Young Family Ranch P/R deduction	2352	733.76
45	Accrued paid time off payable	2400	77,279.43
46	Accrued deferred compensation match	2450	950.00
47	Accrued health insurance payable	2460	(1,333.74)

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48	Accrued air medical payable	2465	150.00
49	Accrued dental insurance payable	2470	(73.24)
50	Accrued vision insurance payable	2475	(3.46)
51	Accrued workers' comp premiums payable	2480	(48,495.61)
52	Sales tax payable	2500	2.02
53	CA Vendors Tax	2505	475.00
54	Total Accounts Payable		557,514.07
55	Deferred Revenue		
56	Deferred revenue - refundable advances	2700	1,112,087.96
57	Total Deferred Revenue		1,112,087.96
58	Total Short-term Liabilities		1,669,602.03
59	Long-term Liabilities		
60	Notes Payable		
61	EBT Funds-Farmers Market	2060	(80.45)
62	Note payable - TCB Line of credit	2600	4.53
63	Note - Ford Credit 8746	2611	28,006.50
64	Note - Ford Credit 7811	2612	20,333.25
65	Total Notes Payable		48,263.83
66	Total Long-term Liabilities		48,263.83
67	Total Liabilities		1,717,865.86
68			
69	Net Assets		
70	Beginning net assets		
71	Net assets - temporarily restricted	3000	(299,969.75)
72	Net assets - unrestricted	3100	1,086,039.33
73	Investments in capital assets	3200	243,414.73
74	Total Beginning net assets		1,029,484.31
75	Current YTD net income		
76			(187,157.91)
77	Total Current YTD net income		(187,157.91)
78	Total Net Assets		842,326.40
79			
80	Total Liabilities and Net Assets		2,560,192.26

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Check No.	Date	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Transaction Description
3261	9/5/2024	Thomas Allen Asgeirsson	1,506.00	Employee: 160; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3262	9/5/2024	Ann M. Barbeau	2,214.79	Employee: 107; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3263	9/5/2024	Matthew W. Bellistri	970.37	Employee: 158; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3264	9/5/2024	Eric J. Bruce	1,646.36	Employee: 157; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3265	9/5/2024	Joan Elizabeth Caldwell	3,337.53	Employee: 094; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3266	9/5/2024	Shay A. Callahan	1,932.16	Employee: 153; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3267	9/5/2024	Jesse Jay Capps	1,159.57	Employee: 146; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3268	9/5/2024	Garett F. Chapman	2,051.25	Employee: 078; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3269	9/5/2024	Carina Louise deJong	1,828.46	Employee: 139; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3270	9/5/2024	Alyson Mechelle DeNittis	2,208.59	Employee: 166; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3271	9/5/2024	Jeffrey M. Eads	1,951.30	Employee: 080; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3272	9/5/2024	Skylar Ann Fisher	2,315.43	Employee: 140; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3273	9/5/2024	Erik M. Flickwir	2,198.26	Employee: 008; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3274	9/5/2024	Jeffery Francis Heinig	1,353.60	Employee: 131; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3275	9/5/2024	Gracie L. Hilinski	1,531.00	Employee: 163; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3276	9/5/2024	Crystal Gabrielle Frieda Hodges	1,822.76	Employee: 169; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3277	9/5/2024	Annyssa Marie Interrante	2,128.24	Employee: 133; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3278	9/5/2024	Jacob W. Johnson	2,047.03	Employee: 137; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3279	9/5/2024	David W. Johnson	2,051.14	Employee: 059; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3280	9/5/2024	Veronica N. Klenk	1,377.38	Employee: 162; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3281	9/5/2024	Brandie Michelle Lee	1,360.03	Employee: 161; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3282	9/5/2024	Joshua D. Lee	1,600.15	Employee: 136; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3283	9/5/2024	Bethany R. Llewellyn	2,393.38	Employee: 132; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3284	9/5/2024	John A. Mason	1,372.27	Employee: 154; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3285	9/5/2024	John W. McGlynn	1,963.04	Employee: 004; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3286	9/5/2024	Jeff J. McGrew	2,172.76	Employee: 024; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3287	9/5/2024	Duncan Lloyd McIntosh	2,035.62	Employee: 134; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3288	9/5/2024	Tyler Donald McKinley	1,777.52	Employee: 142; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3289	9/5/2024	Kayla Kirsten Meyer	3,019.84	Employee: 141; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3290	9/5/2024	Maryann K. Perdue	1,913.72	Employee: 100; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3291	9/5/2024	Miles S. Raymond	1,965.63	Employee: 152; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3292	9/5/2024	Laramie Dee Ward Reed	236.66	Employee: 156; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3293	9/5/2024	Arvel Jett Reeves	2,054.77	Employee: 118; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3294	9/5/2024	Timothy J. Robertson	1,573.42	Employee: 159; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3295	9/5/2024	Adriana Celia Rodriguez	2,019.65	Employee: 150; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3296	9/5/2024	Joshua A. Scott	1,784.13	Employee: 104; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3297	9/5/2024	Kelly D. Sheen	4,242.88	Employee: 005; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3298	9/5/2024	Joe J. Sidley	1,423.75	Employee: 076; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3299	9/5/2024	Cynthia L. Tarwater	3,524.69	Employee: 002; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3300	9/5/2024	Dennis Tritchler	1,510.50	Employee: 168; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3301	9/5/2024	Jessica Elizabeth Tye	1,441.61	Employee: 135; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3302	9/5/2024	Marla D. Walters	2,659.56	Employee: 108; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3303	9/5/2024	Jeremiah D. Weiss	553.97	Employee: 123; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3304	9/5/2024	Daniel C. Wells	2,124.41	Employee: 081; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3305	9/5/2024	Kirk Anthony Wolfbarger	1,637.02	Employee: 112; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3306	9/5/2024	Jacob W. Johnson	2,769.53	Employee: 137; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
3307	9/20/2024	Thomas Allen Asgeirsson	1,506.02	Employee: 160; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3308	9/20/2024	Ann M. Barbeau	2,362.00	Employee: 107; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3309	9/20/2024	Matthew W. Bellistri	1,646.19	Employee: 158; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3310	9/20/2024	Eric J. Bruce	1,765.37	Employee: 157; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3311	9/20/2024	Joan Elizabeth Caldwell	3,365.14	Employee: 094; Pay Date: 9/20/2024

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3313	9/20/2024	Jesse Jay Capps	1,085.91	Employee: 146; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3314	9/20/2024	Garett F. Chapman	2,051.26	Employee: 078; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3315	9/20/2024	Carina Louise deJong	1,738.48	Employee: 139; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3316	9/20/2024	Alyson Mechelle DeNittis	2,208.60	Employee: 166; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3317	9/20/2024	Jeffrey M. Eads	1,951.31	Employee: 080; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3318	9/20/2024	Skylar Ann Fisher	2,494.22	Employee: 140; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3319	9/20/2024	Erik M. Flickwir	2,334.63	Employee: 008; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3320	9/20/2024	Jeffery Francis Heinig	1,353.60	Employee: 131; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3321	9/20/2024	Gracie L. Hilinski	1,531.01	Employee: 163; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3322	9/20/2024	Crystal Gabrielle Frieda Hodges	1,671.65	Employee: 169; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3323	9/20/2024	Annyssa Marie Interrante	2,054.75	Employee: 133; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3324	9/20/2024	Larry Cortez Jimenez Jr	165.83	Employee: 129; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3325	9/20/2024	David W. Johnson	2,180.72	Employee: 059; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3326	9/20/2024	Dylan G. Kirkley	2,166.90	Employee: 167; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3327	9/20/2024	Veronica N. Klenk	688.90	Employee: 162; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3328	9/20/2024	Brandie Michelle Lee	1,448.27	Employee: 161; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3329	9/20/2024	Joshua D. Lee	1,600.15	Employee: 136; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3330	9/20/2024	Bethany R. Llewellyn	2,393.37	Employee: 132; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3331	9/20/2024	John A. Mason	1,372.28	Employee: 154; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3332	9/20/2024	John W. McGlynn	1,919.08	Employee: 004; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3333	9/20/2024	Jeff J. McGrew	2,172.78	Employee: 024; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3334	9/20/2024	Duncan Lloyd McIntosh	2,049.03	Employee: 134; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3335	9/20/2024	Tyler Donald McKinley	1,777.53	Employee: 142; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3336	9/20/2024	Kayla Kirsten Meyer	2,710.95	Employee: 141; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3337	9/20/2024	Maryann K. Perdue	1,705.74	Employee: 100; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3338	9/20/2024	Miles S. Raymond	1,906.78	Employee: 152; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3339	9/20/2024	Arvel Jett Reeves	2,013.58	Employee: 118; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3340	9/20/2024	Timothy J. Robertson	1,573.42	Employee: 159; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3341	9/20/2024	Adriana Celia Rodriguez	2,019.65	Employee: 150; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3342	9/20/2024	Joshua A. Scott	1,784.15	Employee: 104; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3343	9/20/2024	Kelly D. Sheen	3,934.75	Employee: 005; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3344	9/20/2024	Joe J. Sidley	1,275.21	Employee: 076; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3345	9/20/2024	Cynthia L. Tarwater	3,491.88	Employee: 002; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3346	9/20/2024	Dennis Tritchler	1,473.09	Employee: 168; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3347	9/20/2024	Jessica Elizabeth Tye	1,441.61	Employee: 135; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3348	9/20/2024	Marla D. Walters	2,437.76	Employee: 108; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3349	9/20/2024	Jeremiah D. Weiss	11.23	Employee: 123; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3350	9/20/2024	Daniel C. Wells	2,124.41	Employee: 081; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3351	9/20/2024	Kirk Anthony Wolfenbarger	1,637.03	Employee: 112; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
3352	9/20/2024	Veronica N. Klenk	409.13	Employee: 162; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
29144	9/5/2024	Devin M. Nugent	1,118.41	Employee: 155; Pay Date: 9/5/2024
29145	9/5/2024	Bane Trucking	5,440.00	Contract services 07-22-24 to 07-25-24
29146	9/5/2024	Bureau of Land Management	20.00	Biomass purchase for firewood permit sales
29147	9/5/2024	Cal-Line Equipment Inc	599.59	Bolts and blades for Bandit Chipper #8797
	9/5/2024	Cal-Line Equipment Inc	475.44	Bolts and blades for Vermeer Chipper #0052
29148	9/5/2024	O'Reilly Auto Parts	59.48	Ext & BRKR bar, grease
29149	9/5/2024	Watershed Research & Training Center	3,570.71	Contract services 04-01-24 to 07-31-24
29150	9/5/2024	Weaverville/Douglas City Parks & Recreation	250.00	WSDC Pool visits
29151	9/16/2024	Hawes Ranch and Farm Supply	179.80	(20) Straw bales
29152	9/16/2024	Hilltop Medical Clinic	85.00	EE Physical - Nugent EE #155
	9/16/2024	Hilltop Medical Clinic	85.00	EE Physical - Sidley EE #076

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	9/16/2024	Hilltop Medical Clinic	85.00	EE Physical - Tritchler #168
29153	9/16/2024	Jones Family Tree Service LLC	12,540.00	Contract services 08-19-24 to 08-20-24
29154	9/16/2024	Brady Meredith	900.00	August 2024 TCRCD cleaning
	9/16/2024	Brady Meredith	437.50	August 2024 YFR cleaning
29155	9/16/2024	Northwest California RC&D Council	600.00	Sep 2024 Rent
29156	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	37.87	40:1 Fuel, fasteners
	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	12.86	Epoxy
	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	31.91	Hardware
	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	30.02	Safety glasses
	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	10.70	Straps
	9/16/2024	Plotzke Ace Hardware	58.98	Water timer
29157	9/16/2024	Snyder Highland Foundation	425.00	Farmers Market and storage shed rent - Sept 2024
29158	9/16/2024	Trinity Journal, The	23.95	Conservation Planner ad
	9/16/2024	Trinity Journal, The	56.60	Project Coordinator ad
29159	9/16/2024	Trinity Lumber	12.21	Redi-mix concrete
29160	9/17/2024	Amerigas Propane LP	81.70	Propane
29161	9/17/2024	Baugh Construction	4,200.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29162	9/17/2024	Mark Crawford	50.00	Farmers Market music 09-04-24
29163	9/17/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	3,630.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29164	9/17/2024	Frontier Communications	570.95	Telephone 09-01-24 to 09-30-24
29165	9/17/2024	Herrett Excavating	3,888.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29166	9/17/2024	J&J Portable Toilets	120.00	Farmers Market portable toilet - August 2024
29167	9/17/2024	McCanless Excavating & Construction	1,815.00	Water truck rental/contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29168	9/17/2024	Ila F. McWilliams Trust	2,420.00	Sep 2024 Rent
29169	9/17/2024	NORCAL Presort & Printing	100.00	Salmon Festival posters
	9/17/2024	NORCAL Presort & Printing	1,039.91	Spring 2024 Almanac
29170	9/17/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	1,510.00	Contract services 07-29-24 to 07-31-24
29171	9/17/2024	Ruth Lake Community Services	300.00	Camping 09-16-24 to 09-30-24
29172	9/17/2024	Trinity Journal, The	119.73	Firewood permits notice
	9/17/2024	Trinity Journal, The	327.00	Public Float 2024 ad
	9/17/2024	Trinity Journal, The	760.05	Salmon Festival ad
	9/17/2024	Trinity Journal, The	56.00	Watershed PM ad
29173	9/17/2024	Velocity Communications, Inc.	114.99	Internet 09-01-24 to 10-01-24
29174	9/17/2024	Weaverville CSD	197.84	YFR water 08-05-24 to 09-04-24
29175	9/17/2024	Weaverville Sanitary District	28.00	YFR Sewer 08-01-24 to 08-31-24
29176	9/18/2024	Shayne Green	3,725.00	Contract services 05-01-24 to 05-31-24
29177	9/18/2024	Hirsch Auto Repair, Inc.	731.23	Work Horse water trailer tires/hitch adjustment #8549
29178	9/18/2024	Stillwater Sciences	13,898.50	Contract services 05-01-24 to 05-31-24
29179	9/18/2024	Timberland Resource Consultants	9,631.00	Contract services 05-01-24 to 05-31-24
29180	9/18/2024	Trinity County Solid Waste Division	284.50	Sept 2024
29181	9/18/2024	Trinity River Rafting	5,520.00	Rafting trip 10-12-24
29182	9/20/2024	Devin M. Nugent	984.31	Employee: 155; Pay Date: 9/20/2024
29183	9/23/2024	Baugh Construction	15,750.00	Contract services 07-01-24 to 07-12-24
	9/23/2024	Baugh Construction	17,220.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
	9/23/2024	Baugh Construction	6,000.00	Smooth drum roller rental 07-01-24 to 07-31-24
29184	9/23/2024	Eagle Rock, Inc.	6,812.40	Rock
29185	9/23/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	12,720.00	Contract services 07-01-24 to 07-11-24
	9/23/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	12,955.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
	9/23/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	6,000.00	Smooth drum roller rental 07-21-24 to 08-17-24
29186	9/23/2024	Herrett Excavating	12,312.00	Contract services 07-01-24 to 07-11-24
	9/23/2024	Herrett Excavating	18,144.00	Contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29187	9/23/2024	McCanless Excavating & Construction	15,435.00	Contract services and rental 07-01-24 to 07-12-24

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	9/23/2024	McCanless Excavating & Construction	9,900.00	Skippy and water truck rental 07-22-24 to 08-19-24
	9/23/2024	McCanless Excavating & Construction	12,490.00	Water truck rental/contract services 07-15-24 to 07-31-24
29188	9/23/2024	Quentin Mark Arnold	812.50	Contract services 07-10-24 to 07-23-24
	9/23/2024	Quentin Mark Arnold	562.50	Contract services 08-03-24 to 08-12-24
29189	9/23/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	3,740.00	Contract services 07-02-24 to 07-03-24
	9/23/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	9,520.00	Contract services 07-08-24 to 07-12-24
29190	9/30/2024	Abila	239.79	MIP Cloud 10-20-24 to 11-19-24
29191	9/30/2024	Baugh Construction	8,200.00	Contract services 08-01-24 to 08-16-24
	9/30/2024	Baugh Construction	18,522.00	Contract services 08-19-24 to 08-30-24
	9/30/2024	Baugh Construction	6,000.00	Smooth drum roller rental 08-01-24 to 08-31-24
29192	9/30/2024	Contech Engineered Solutions LLC	3,378.38	Culverts
29193	9/30/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	5,000.00	Contract services 08-01-24 to 08-15-24
	9/30/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	500.00	Contract services 08-19-24 to 09-12-24
	9/30/2024	EJH Construction Inc.	3,000.00	Smooth drum roller rental 08-18-24 to 09-14-24
29194	9/30/2024	Floral Native Nursery	546.98	(40) Douglas Fir and (40) Live Oak
29195	9/30/2024	John Hayward	100.00	Blessing for Salmon Festival
29196	9/30/2024	Herrett Excavating	7,000.00	Contract services 08-01-24 to 08-16-24
29197	9/30/2024	Jones Family Tree Service LLC	10,332.00	Contract services 08-26-24 to 08-27-24
29198	9/30/2024	Leia Lingemann	400.00	Music for Salmon Festival 10-05-24 - Damenation
29199	9/30/2024	McCanless Excavating & Construction	8,000.00	Contract services/water trailer rental 08-01-24 to 08-16-24
29200	9/30/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	4,480.00	Contract services 08-14-24 to 08-16-24
	9/30/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	3,000.00	Contract services 08-19-24 to 08-23-24
	9/30/2024	Offins General Engineering, LLC	5,400.00	Water truck rental 08-22-24 to 09-22-24
29201	9/30/2024	Stream Crossing LLC	300.00	Sound equipment and technician for Salmon Festival
29202	9/30/2024	Stroup's Power Equipment	9,920.74	Chainsaw parts
	9/30/2024	Stroup's Power Equipment	(806.07)	Return inner side plates
29203	9/30/2024	Trinity County Department of Transportation	7,473.33	Fuel for trucks and equipment July 2024
29204	9/30/2024	Trinity PUD	670.95	08-10-24 to 09-10-24
29205	9/30/2024	Turtle Bay Exploration Park	750.00	Animal Program 2024 Salmon Festival
29206	9/30/2024	Brian Vaughan	400.00	Music for Salmon Meets Harvest Festival - Mojito
29207	9/30/2024	Marla Walters-Cash	50.27	08-31-24 Petty Cash
29208	9/30/2024	Watershed Research & Training Center	316.96	Contract services 08-01-24 to 08-31-24
29209	9/30/2024	AAmigo Irrigation Supply	2,890.23	Irrigation parts
29210	9/30/2024	Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA)	29,780.92	Work Comp Audit Invoice for FY 23/24
9615141521	9/3/2024	VSP - Vision Service Plan (CA)	491.02	Pay September vision premiums
00079112	9/4/2024	Trinity Journal, The	706.05	Community chipping ad
09-04-24 Ebay	9/4/2024	Ebay	(10.00)	Ebay credit
4177050	9/4/2024	Amazon	19.93	Envelopes
q785r915	9/4/2024	PSI Exams	(175.00)	Refund - Drone exam - EE #024 McGrew
705143	9/5/2024	Pacific Coast Seed Inc.	2,227.10	Plant seeds
13043513	9/6/2024	Uprinting.com	955.09	Stickers
1136611641	9/9/2024	Costco Wholesale	75.06	Toilet paper
20000121-88894966	9/9/2024	Walmart	14.27	Paper towels
204	9/9/2024	United States Postal Service	219.00	Stamps
382237247-001	9/9/2024	Office Depot	20.78	Paperclips, Post-it notes
0160269	9/10/2024	Amazon	490.08	(22) Antenna whips
	9/10/2024	Amazon	628.36	(22) Walkie Talkies

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	9/10/2024	Amazon	32.97	Laptop tote bag
02-12063-33896	9/10/2024	Ebay	772.18	Desktop for Watershed PM/laptop for EC PM
205310	9/10/2024	Rescue Essentials	70.09	(2) Quiklitter
3607422	9/10/2024	Amazon	488.40	(2) Backboard stretchers
380336659	9/10/2024	Empower Retirement	2,400.00	Deferred Comp 08-31-24 PR
0-732-835-984	9/11/2024	Employment Development Department	5,466.35	State tax deposit
5148264	9/11/2024	EFTPS	27,727.50	Federal Tax Deposit
09-13-24 DD Fee	9/13/2024	Tri Counties Bank	39.00	Direct Deposit Fee-TCB
49628946	9/13/2024	Expert Pay	194.37	Jeremiah D. Weiss-Order 24FS002-Case 200000002686831
SA5600194	9/13/2024	Anypromo.com	331.97	(50) Waterproof dry bags
202051357956	9/15/2024	1&1 Ionos, Inc.	16.84	TRRP web hosting
1156226	9/17/2024	Amazon	39.66	Laptop tote bag - Grizzly Corps
26-12065-14075	9/17/2024	Ebay	89.93	Laptop battery and charger - Grizzly Corps
383298341-001	9/17/2024	Office Depot	42.89	Copy paper
94804783	9/18/2024	Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc (ESRI)	200.00	(2) ArcGIS subscriptions
ACH-01379625	9/19/2024	Gracie Hilinski	200.00	Pay boot stipend
386545841	9/23/2024	Empower Retirement	2,400.00	Deferred Comp 09-15-24 PR
ACH-01382590	9/23/2024	Veronica Klenk	147.50	Pay Per Diem 08-28-24 to 08-30-24
1727167304	9/24/2024	Constant Contact	88.00	Advertising
9925058538	9/24/2024	Staples	15.72	Binder dividers, highlighters
ATR-01383613	9/24/2024	Tri Counties Bank	500.00	From Ckg to LOC
h8U5	9/24/2024	California Process Based Restoration Network	180.00	Build Like a Beaver 2024 training - Grizzly Corps
09-25-24 Ford Credit	9/25/2024	Ford Credit	165.20	Interest
	9/25/2024	Ford Credit	719.14	Sep 2024 Prin Pmt #8746
1-947-584-656	9/25/2024	Employment Development Department	5,383.50	State tax deposit
74686272	9/25/2024	EFTPS	26,971.92	Federal Tax Deposit
9925087658	9/25/2024	Staples	52.97	Paper towels
ACH-01384670 #1	9/25/2024	Jeffery Heinig	200.00	Pay boot stipend
ACH-01384670 #2	9/25/2024	Joshua Lee	193.04	Pay boot stipend
ACH-01384670 #3	9/25/2024	Denise Wesley	891.10	Pay Mileage 07-15-24 to 07-19-24
102543867	9/26/2024	DANNER	995.28	(2) Wildland firefighter boots
180926	9/26/2024	HAIX	422.43	Wildland firefighter boots
207383095001	9/26/2024	Holiday Market	160.23	Food for Public Lands Day
27676140	9/26/2024	Galls	433.94	Wildland firefighter boots
9616253574	9/26/2024	VSP - Vision Service Plan (CA)	436.02	Pay VSP Oct 2024
ACH-425456964	9/26/2024	Humana Dental Insurance Company	2,081.87	Pay Humana Oct 2024
CS2413201	9/26/2024	SHRM Customer Experience	264.00	One year membership - Office Manager
I2N0YY33J70926	9/26/2024	UABT	30,030.59	Pay United Ag Oct 2024
32248351	9/30/2024	Blick Art Materials	98.37	Paint supplies

Report Total 669,773.56

Background

Per California Government Code §53065.50, Each Special District, as defined by subdivision (a) of Section 56036, shall, at least annually, disclose any reimbursement paid by the district within the immediately preceding fiscal year of at least one hundred dollars (\$100) for each individual charge for services or product received. "Individual charge" includes, but is not limited to, one meal, one-day lodging, transportation, or a registration fee paid to any district governing body employee or member. The disclosure requirement shall be fulfilled by including the reimbursement information in a document published or printed at least annually by a date determined by that district and shall be made available for public inspection.

Discussion

Employees who received reimbursement from the District in the month ending September 31, 2024 are highlighted above.



TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Agenda Item 5.0

PROJECTS REPORT – October 16, 2024

5.1 Weaverville Community Forest –Bethany Llewellyn, Adriana Rodriguez

- TCRCD assisted with a fall volunteer event on the BLM side of the WCF on Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 28th. Volunteers removed small conifers encroaching on oak woodlands and scotch broom.
- The Steering Committee will meet for Q4 on December 4th at 10am.
- The WCF public meeting date is set for October 30th from 6-8 pm at the Trinity Congregational Church.
- A follow-up field tour will take place on the Oregon Mountain harvest. The date is not yet set.

5.2 Watershed Coordination – Annyssa Interrante

- The program welcomes our newest member to the team, Clay Groetsch, joining us from the GrizzlyCorps Fellow program through UC Berkley. Staff are working collaboratively with the Watershed Research & Training Center’s Aquatic Program staff to assist the USFS with temperature probe removals from tributaries to the Trinity River and South Fork of the Trinity before high winter flows begin. We have received several applicants for the Program Manager position and they are currently under review.

Management: 2 AmeriCorps members: 1 Crew: 0

- Upper Trinity River Watershed Coordinator (464-330300)

Staff are coordinating with the WRTC to identify sites for restoration in the North Lake region to serve as representative sites for a programmatic compliance document that will further future efforts throughout the area. Sites are being reviewed for nexus locations that could benefit from instream restoration with beaver dam analogues (BDAs), meadow restoration with conifer removal and native reseeding, and road improvements to culverts and sources of sedimentation to reduce scour and improve stream health.

Trinity River Watershed Council (Annyssa Interrante): The September meeting minutes are currently being transcribed and compiled. The next meeting will be on December 10th, 2024, and will feature the Upper Trinity Headwaters project and land acquisition by WRTC.

- **USFS Fisheries & Watershed Improvements (BDA) (509-1703100):** Site surveys for Beaver Dam Analogues are being opportunistically conducted between USFS Westside Aquatics Support tasks.

- **USFS STNF Westside Aquatic Support (515-17 - 1703417):**

The last of the temperature probes are being pulled out of the tributaries in preparation for winter flows. Sites in the Monument Fire footprint are being redeployed to capture data on winter flows as a component of the Big Ranch project site monitoring. Staff are also opportunistically participating in salmon redd surveys.



Figure 1. (Right): GrizzlyCorps Fellow under the Fire Safe Council program, Emily Acer, assists with a temperature probe removal and redeployment.

- **GrizzlyCorps Climate Fellow (Clay Groetsch):** Clay has been kept very busy in their first few weeks of the service term with the Watershed Program, Weaverville Farmers Market, Education and Outreach Programming, and the Weaverville Community Forest. They are very excited about the diversity of experiences, opportunities, and new skills to harness and hone. Upcoming trainings include the “Build Like a Beaver” workshop with California Process Based Restoration and the Fire Fighter Type II training.

5.3 Roads –Cynthia Tarwater

- **Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forest (USFS) / BLM / Private**

STNF-In early September we completed the decommissioning of the 34N85 road near Trinity Lake. This project was highlighted in the report last month. We moved for work on Six Rivers in October.

STNF/SRNF- We intended to work on South Fork Mountain Road (1S23), a shared road along the forest boundary between Pickett Peak and Cedar Gap, however, we found the road in disrepair and with stacked logs decked everywhere, so I decided not to work there until that project is completed. Instead, we completed road maintenance on the 1S05 that accesses Pickett Peak communication tower; we worked on this road back in 2009 and so we cleaned the dip outlets, rebuilt a few dips damaged by winter access, and cleared the north side of the road which was completely impassable due to downed trees, the hunters loved that part. We drolled up the Pickett Camp Road (1S20) and installed several road numbers signs. After completing a short stint on South Fork Mountain, we moved over to Ruth Lake for work on Six Rivers N.F.

SRNF- Work continued on Cobb and Swim Ridge, the spur roads off those ridges had multiple slumps and or slides we repaired or cleared, and ensured the roads were open. We also repaired a fill failure on the 2S12 road just across the river from the Ruth Guard Station.

SRNF- We started and completed work on a large slide near the Ruth Dam. The Humboldt County Municipal Water District had concerns that the slide would clog the spillway and it became a high priority to fix it before winter. You might remember us clearing this slide from

the road during last winter, and early spring this year. It is completely done and the disposal areas are seeded and mulched. We plan on continuing work on Six Rivers through October.

We heard from Cal Trans that the TMDL sediment reduction project for Grass Valley Creek to work on Mainline Road was approved for about \$500,000. The other proposals I wrote for the Mad River and South Fork Trinity were not funded this round.

Since May we have addressed about 182 miles of roadway. I've included a few photos of the work completed in September.

Staff: Management: 2

Crew ½

Contractors 6



Clearing logs and brush from road on north side of 1S05 Pickett Peak



27N38G Cobb Ridge
Before and after repair



2512 NWI 0.50 Fill failure repair
September 2024



1506 Slide stabilization
near Ruth Lake Dam

5.4. Grants Report – Annie Barbeau

- **New Projects:**

Project Number: 552
Account Number: 1601000
Funder: CA Fire Safe Council
Award Number: 23 SFC 466405
Project Name: Campbell Ridge Risk Reduction
Program Manager: Skylar Fisher
Effective Date: 09/01/2024
Expiration Date: 08/31/2026
Grant Award: \$85,068.00
Overhead: 15.26%

5.5 Botany Program – Alyson DeNittis

- **Personnel:** Program Manager (1), Conservation Technician (4).
- **Native Plant Nursery:**
 - Conservation Technician Tim Robertson has taken on the crew nursery lead role and is assisting Alyson in overseeing and coordinating plant cultivation efforts at the native plant nursery. In addition to cultivating plants to be used for fall and spring planting, Tim has been working on refining nursery protocols and coordinating grounds needs such as repairing fencing, installing washing stations, changing pallets used for benches, etc.
 - Nursery updates for 2024 were included in a report submitted to the Young Family Ranch Board in September and activities associated with the RAC Native Nursery agreement will also be submitted in October for the Trinity County RAC member newsletter.
 - The nursery will be providing approximately 450 plants for the OHV Roads Restoration project this fall.
- **Seed Collections:**

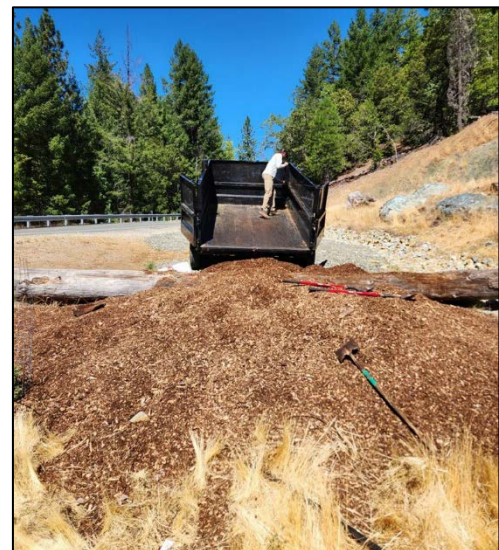
Native plant seed collecting and processing started in September, including milkweed seed collections (*Asclepias speciosa* and *Asclepias fascicularis*) for the NFWF pollinator project. Collections will continue as the season allows. On-site seed collections were inventoried and digitized to help determine seed collection and propagation needs. Alyson is also coordinating with other TCRCDC programs and partners to identify plant needs for 2025 and 2026 to help guide 2025 plant production schedules.
- **Noxious Weed Work:**
 - Noxious weed populations have been managed at all current and upcoming revegetation sites. We are coordinating with the TCWMA group to retreat an *Arundo* population in Weaverville with Title III Community Wildfire Mitigation funds. Planning continues for the RAC Scotch Broom project and areas for NFWF pollinator habitat enhancement (consisting of removing noxious weeds over 98 acres in northern Trinity County) are finalized for 2025.
 - Alyson is assisting with a partner-led NEPA document on the Weaverville Community Forest which will include a noxious weed component.
 - Alyson will be attending the next TCWMA meeting on October 16th. The crew will also be attending portions of the Cal-IPC (California Invasive Plant Council) Symposium in

October, where the WMA group will be presenting on work done in Trinity County. Tim was awarded a scholarship to cover registration fees and salary for the symposium.

- Alyson is working on identifying and compiling current GIS data that TCRCD has for noxious weed populations in Trinity County to better support our projects.
- **Revegetation & Fall Plantings:**
 - Conservation Technician Tyler McKinley has stepped into a revegetation crew lead role and is assisting Alyson with coordination and logistics for revegetation plantings, as well as leading revegetation efforts on the ground.
 - With cooler temperatures in September, all revegetation sites have returned to a biweekly watering schedule and many plants that struggled in the summer heat are starting to grow again. We are monitoring returning plants to be able to update vigor monitoring data for annual reporting. Plant survival and vigor for current revegetation sites at Swift Creek, Ditch Gulch, Hayfork Grade Culverts, and Big French Creek will be included in the November Board Report.
 - 131 plants and materials for the Hayfork Culverts II and Hayfork Mountain Culverts revegetation projects have been prepared ahead of fall planting. Plantings are being finalized for the Big French Creek Disposal Site revegetation project.
 - At the Ditch Gulch Curve Improvement site, the crew has been working on mulching trees and protecting irrigation lines from rodent damage. These efforts have greatly improved plant vigor and survival at the site. On October 2nd, Tyler and Alyson had a great opportunity to lead a site tour for revegetation specialists and staff from different Caltrans districts in Northern California. Alyson is working with Caltrans on finalizing changes to fall plantings based on current site conditions.
- **NFWF Pollinator Project:**
 - Alyson led the pollinator activity station at the Bar 717 Environmental Camp in September. In addition to interactively learning about pollinators like bumble bees and monarchs, students got the chance to learn how the TCRCD supports pollinators in Trinity County by conducting their own milkweed surveys and collecting data.
 - Plans for pollinator restoration plantings are being finalized and will occur in October.
 - All 2024 survey data has been submitted to the Bumble Bee Atlas and the Integrated Monarch Monitoring Protocol (IMMP) databases.



Caltrans revegetation specialists and staff touring through the Ditch Gulch Curve Improvement revegetation site.



Tyler McKinley unloading mulch destined for trees at the Ditch Gulch revegetation site.

5.6 Fuels and Forestry Projects – Bethany Llewellyn, Dave Johnson, Adriana Rodriguez, Shay Callahan, Eric Bruce

- **Forest Health (FH) Staff News:** Fuels crews (16 staff) and Forestry crews (4 staff) continue to remain fully staffed at this time.
- **Management: 5 Crew: 20**
- **California Coastal Conservancy Lewiston Resilience Phase II:** We are waiting for the BLM to return to Lewiston to wrap up this project.
- **Bureau of Land Management Weaverville Community Forest Stewardship:** Logging and road decommissioning is complete on the Oregon Mountain harvest. The sale will help fund stewardship work on the Weaverville Community Forest. In September, sale profits funded some oak woodland restoration on the parcel. A follow-up field tour is planned in late October or early November.
- **Cal Fire Trinity County Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase II Grant:** Roadside fuel reduction has been completed along main roadways in Trinity Center and Coffee Creek, including Coffee Creek Road, Mary Ave, and Marilyn Lane. We also were able to complete some fuels reduction around the Coffee Creek School. Partnership with the Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Departments, along with our volunteer Neighborhood Ambassador in Coffee Creek, assisted in the outreach process. The last six months of work on this grant will include pile burning on Browns Mountain and around Trinity Center and fall Community Chipping.
- **Training and continuing education:** Forestry Technicians are completing Firefighter Type 2 training the week of October 14th. Dave Johnson will complete an Intermediate Fire Behavior course the week of October 21st.
- **Cal Fire Forest Health:** Forest Health crews are currently working on cut and pile treatments in the Lake Forest Plantations. Contractors are working in Reading Indian Creek, Pettijohn, and Lake Forest Plantations.
- **Westside Timber Sale Prep:** Forestry technicians worked on recon for the Big Ranch project this summer, and may return to the project at the end of the season.
- **Willow Creek Storm Recovery (HC):** This agreement has been modified to add \$17,000 for additional defensible space treatments in Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch, and Salyer. This work will be completed in October or November.
- **Fee for Service:** None at this time.
- **The McConnell Foundation (TMF):** The forestry crew is flagging treatment boundaries and exclusions for this project. We are working with The McConnell Foundation to prioritize treatment areas and prepare a contract. Due to further delays from FEMA, we do not expect work to begin until the spring of 2025.
- **Six Rivers National Forest Road Maintenance Program:** This project is awaiting further implementation funding. The environmental compliance is complete.
- **Middle Trinity Fuels Reduction Phase 1:** CEQA for burning in Junction City Park comes to the board this month. Our access agreement for the State Lands Commission parcel east of Weaverville goes to the State Lands Commission was approved and we plan to begin work in that area this fall/winter.
- **Ballpark Collaborative Prescribed Burning:** We are working with the Forest Service to develop interpretive signage for this burn site.

- **CARCD CAL FIRE Workforce Development Grant:** This funding supported staff time to complete Basic 32 this fall. Jeff McGrew, one of our Fuels Crew Supervisors, completed his FAA Drone Certification under this grant.
- **USFS Stewardship Agreement:** Joint Chiefs funding from this agreement is bolstering our Cal Fire funding in the Weaver Basin and Lake Forest areas. This summer, it is serving as match funding for crew work in the Lake Forest plantations. In addition to the agreement, we will be receiving additional funds for prescribed fire support, timber and silviculture prep, and preparation of a partner-led NEPA document on the Weaverville Community Forest. Initial Recon for the partner-led NEPA began in August, and a field trip is scheduled for November 1st with the WCF Steering Committee and Trinity County Collaborative Group.
- **Northern Trinity Forest Resilience Partnership Phase II:** We received notice that our Forest Health application to Cal Fire this round will be funded. The proposal was for approximately \$6 million and included Forest Service, SPI, and private land in the upper Trinity watershed. Staff worked this month to finalize aspects of our proposal with Cal Fire to execute the agreement in a timely fashion.
- **Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee:** Our proposal for Community Chipping in partnership with the Watershed Research and Training Center has been executed.
- **PG&E:** We received \$100,000 from Pacific Gas and Electric in partnership with Willow Creek Fire Safe Council for roadside fuel reduction in Salyer. Willow Creek Fire Safe Council is assisting with outreach and implementation is being completed with local contractors. This is anticipated to wrap up in October.
- **Downriver Community Protection CWDG:** We received notification that our Community Wildfire Defense Grant proposal for just under \$8 million in private lands fuels reduction around Burnt Ranch, Big Bar, and Big Flat was selected for funding. We expect this agreement to be executed this fall or winter. Staff have completed forms to expedite agreement execution.

5.7 Trinity County Fire Safe Council (TCFSC) – Skylar Fisher (Program Manager), Miles Raymond (Education Coordinator), & Emily Acer (GrizzlyCorps Fellow)

Hazard Mitigation Planning:

Trinity County Evacuation Plan: The evacuation hazard point process has ended – this process included adding evacuation obstruction hazard points (slip-outs, locked gates, and similar obstructions) to the map. We have begun the map layout development and hazard analysis of the evacuation routes. We are also investigating ways we can project travel time on evacuation routes to include within the hazard risk analysis.

Trinity County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP): The County will be scheduling the HMP to be at the November County Board of Supervisors meeting for adoption. We are still in conversations with CAL OES to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding in this round to implement the mitigation strategy.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP): We are reviewing the input gathered from the partner survey. Emily has begun the climate risk assessment.

Trinity County Office of Education (TCOE) Hazard Mitigation Plan: School district profiles, a hazard perception survey, hazard profiles, and maps are being developed for this project.

Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting: The September Trinity County Fire Safe Council meeting had 35 attendees. The next meeting is October 24. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Trinity County Resource Conservation District conference room at 1 pm.

Social Media: In the past 28 days, the Trinity County Fire Safe Council's Facebook reached 2,740 accounts, got 282 engagements, and gained 2 new followers. The top post during this time was sharing fire ecology information on the knob cone pine. The post made 732 impressions and reached 646 accounts.

Greater Willow Creek Wildfire Resilience Project: There will be one last week of implementation in Suzy Q Rd for this project the week of October 7. So far, 35 properties received treatment, 16 acres have been treated in Trinity Village, 11 acres have been treated on Suzy Q Rd, there have been 4 chipper days, and 1 neighborhood ambassador work day in Trinity Village.

2022 Post-Fire Recovery: There have been 15 site assessments performed to date.

Campbell Ridge Risk Reduction: We are entering into a contract and completing an environmental review for this project.

Presentation at CARCD Conference: Adriana (FH) and Skylar were selected to give a presentation on the importance of community-driven land management through evaluating the Weaverville Community Forest and TCFSC at this year's CARCD conference.

GrizzlyCorps Fellow: Emily Acer, our TCFSC GrizzlyCorps Fellow, is here!



Hiring a Project Coordinator: We have received several applications for the project coordinator position. We should be scheduling interviews before the end of October.

Wildland Fire Assessment Program: We are currently working with Kettenpom-Zenia VFD and Downriver Volunteer Fire Company to schedule training to enter into a contract for them to perform home assessments.

Firewise Community Maintenance: We've begun compiling Firewise community investment information for 2024 renewals. To maintain a Firewise Community, at a minimum, each site is required to annually invest the equivalent of one volunteer hour per dwelling unit in wildfire risk reduction actions.

If your site has identified 100 homes within its boundary, then 100 hours of work or the monetary equivalent, based on the independent sector value of volunteer time, need to be completed for that year. If you would like to support the maintenance of your Firewise Community by tracking time or expense investments you perform to reduce your property or

community's wildfire risk, please report your investment using the reporting form at the following QR code:



5.8. Young Family Ranch

- **Stewardship and Maintenance:** The Botany crew continued to carry out regular maintenance at the YFR, including mowing and irrigation. Deadwood pruning was completed for trees across the ranch ahead of winter pruning. Repairs were made to fences and barns, including to bee holes made in shed walls. Old materials and unsightly piles were removed from the upper road. The native plant garden at the entrance of the YFR was cleaned up, weeded, and re-mulched. Great progress has been made on cleaning out the old nursery and project materials from the upper shed, horn barn, and big barn. A report for all 2024 activities was submitted to the YFR Board in September.



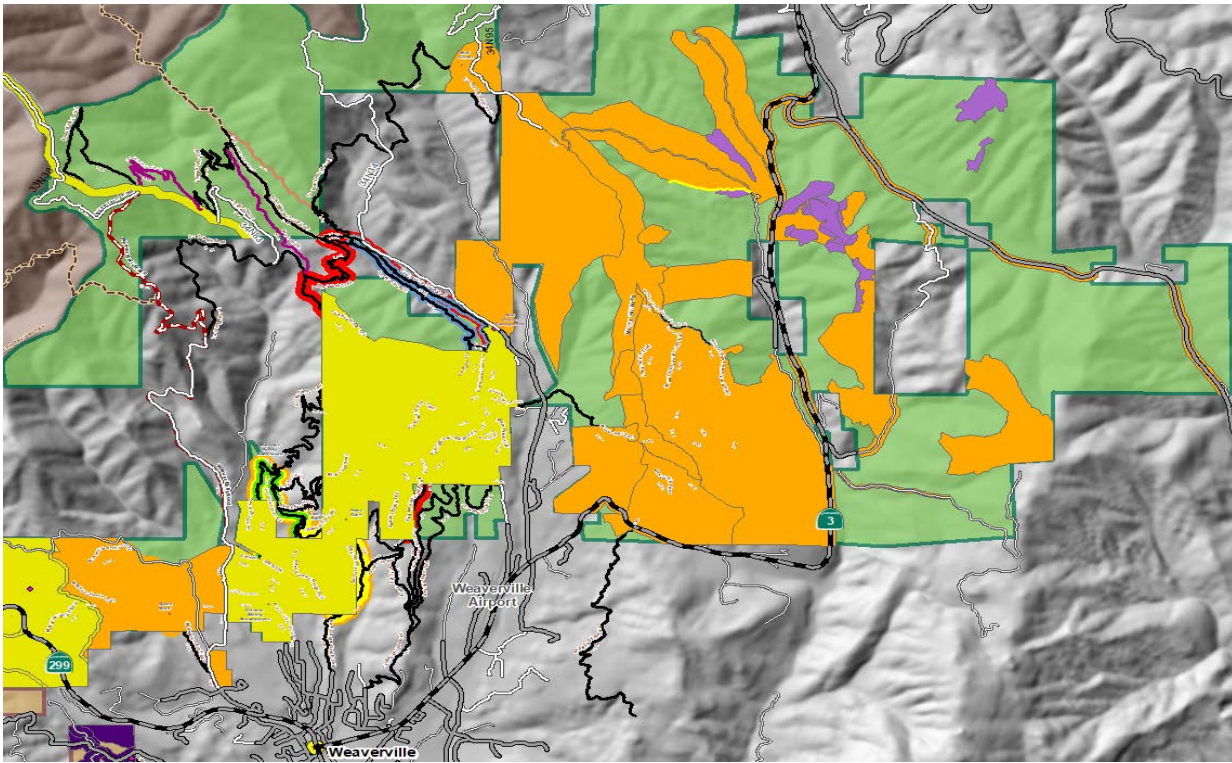
Tim Robertson moving sprinklers at the YFR after a weekend event.



Tom Asgeirsson and Tyler McKinley assessing tree pruning needs at YFR grounds.

5.8 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Report – Crystal Hodges

- GIS is working with Bethany Llewellyn in the Forest Health department to produce a poster-sized map. This map will be an educational tool to communicate the areas that were previously (and are currently) part of TCRC and federal partner projects around Weaverville. The map will be displayed at the upcoming October 30th community meeting for the Weaverville Community Forest. As an example, two trails were previously under construction, but now they have been updated to completed status. Conversely, a road has been decommissioned and that is also displayed. The prescribed burn treatments are represented as well, completed and pending.



6.0 Education and Outreach – Kayla Meyer & Duncan McIntosh

Management: 1 Coordinators: 3

- **Funding Proposals:**

- NRCS Cooperative Agreement \$75K - Awarded
- Farm to School Grant to support Douglas City and Junction City Elementary School gardens for \$160k – Awaiting notice
- Youth Community Access Grant submitted for \$111k to support 2026 WSDC – Fall 2025 award notice
- CARCD/CDFW sub-award for Landowner Outreach / Feasibility Study for \$29k submitted 8/14

- **Bureau of Reclamation TRRP Outreach & Education:**

- ◇ **Environmental Camp:** The Environmental Camp at Bar 717 was a great success, with sixth graders from Hayfork, Weaverville, Burnt Ranch, Lewiston, Van Duzen, Zenia, Junction City, and Trinity Center attending two days and two nights of environmental activities. Partners from the Watershed Research and Training Center, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Ascend Wilderness Experience joined the TCRC in leading the activities. Many schools were first-time participants and expressed gratitude and excitement for future involvement.



Salmon Meets Harvest Festival: In collaboration with the North Fork Grange, this event was a resounding success, attracting over 300 participants. Thirteen agencies and organizations, along with 22 vendors, took part. The event featured live local music, an animal show, and a variety of children's activities, making it a fun and engaging day for all ages.



Science on Tap: The September Science on Tap was a successful event, drawing approximately 87 attendees. The upcoming October event will feature Eric Peterson from the Trinity River Restoration Program, presenting on "Environmental Flows and Factors Limiting the Chinook Salmon Life Cycle." This event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6 PM, hosted by Trinity County Brewing Company.

Conservation Almanac: The Spring Almanac is currently being distributed, and the drafting of the Summer Almanac is underway.



Social Media Outreach: Staff has continued regular posting on the Trinity River and TCRCD social media accounts, including educational and event postings.



- **Follow Us:** The District is active on multiple online platforms for different groups: Trinity County RCD: Facebook (@TrinityCountyRCD), Instagram (@trinityRCD), Twitter (@TrinityRCD), Website: www.tcrd.net

7.0 Farmer's Market –Miles Raymond

- 21 of the 22 markets have been completed

Food Accessibility: From market 12 to market 17, \$1,090 of EBT has been spent at the market. Between markets 18 and 21, \$650 of EBT has been spent at the market.

Outreach: Facebook has been the farmers' market's main source of outreach. Over the past month, our Facebook posts have reached 3.5K people. 580 people have visited the farmers market Facebook page and we have gained 5 new followers.



Vendors: We have had two new vendors join the market in the past couple of weeks. This includes a local baker and a tie dye artist. Numerous organizations continue to use the market as a way to reach the community. Over the past 4 weeks, this has included the Trinity County Fire Safe Council, the Joss House, Child Protective Services, TCOE, and a voter registration organization.

More than just farmers: The farmers market has continuously held a free children's craft booth throughout the market season this year. This has been primarily supported by a local artist volunteering their time to create craft kits for kids, changing the activity each week. Organizations such as HRN, Cal Fresh, and WIC have helped support these efforts. New artists have continued to come and play to support the market by playing music.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS**

Resolution No.: 24-05

For Authorization of District Manager to Sign Beneficiary Documents

WHEREAS, the Trinity County Resource Conservation District has been named as the beneficiary of DENNIS G. FOX and

WHEREAS, transfer procedures by annuity holder Talcott Resolution require the beneficiary to sign documents to process a transfer of funds to Trinity County Resource Conservation District;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the **Board of Directors:**

Authorizes KELLY D. SHEEN, District Manager, to execute and submit any and all documents necessary to transfer funds from Talcott Resolution, on behalf of Dennis G. Fox, to Trinity County Resource Conservation District.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-05 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the District Board of Directors of the Trinity County Resource Conservation District on October ____, 2024.

BOARD SECRETARY

Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project

Note: This report form is intended for use to document a limited environmental impact analysis supporting the filing of a notice of exemption document for a proposed project. Although the project appears to fit within the descriptions for allowable categorical exemptions, this report presents the project proponent's review for possible exceptions that would preclude finding the project to be categorically exempt as discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This report will be filed with the CEQA administrative record for this project to document the environmental impact analysis conducted by the project proponent.

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Project Name:	Middle Trinity Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase I: Junction City
Project Number:	3100800
Program Type:	Fuels Reduction
County:	Trinity
Acres:	140
Legal Location:	The project is located in the Junction City park and dump along State Hwy 299 in Junction City, Trinity County, California. T33N, R10W, sections 7 and 18, MDBM.
Name of USGS 7.5' Quad Map(s):	Junction City
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Vicinity Map Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Location Map Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Photos Attached

Other Public Agency Review or Permit Required:

	YES	NO
Would the project result in:		
Alterations to a watercourse (DFW - Lake and Stream Alteration Agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conversion of timberland (CAL FIRE - Conversion Permit or Exemption)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demolition (Local Air District - Demolition Permit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Soil disturbance over 1 acre (RWQCB - SWPPP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fill of possible wetlands (404 Permit - USACE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other: Smoke Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discuss any above-listed topic item checked Yes and consultation with agencies:

A Smoke Management Plan will be developed and submitted to the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District. A burn number will be required on each day burning takes place.

Project Description and Environmental Setting (describe the project activities, project site and its surroundings, its location, and the environmental setting):

This Environmental Review is for a fuel reduction project that is associated with the Middle Trinity Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase I. Funding for this project is provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as part of the California Climate Investments (CCI) program.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities along State Highway 299 and in the Junction City dump and park area. This 140-acre area is owned by the County of Trinity and stewarded by the North Fork Grange, who approached the District about supporting fuel reduction activities. It is an integral part of the District's landscape fuel reduction strategy, aimed at protecting the community of Junction City from catastrophic wildfire events. It is also a high priority for cooperative burning for the Junction City Prescribed Burn Association. The area is characterized by a mosaic of mixed conifer, oak woodland, chaparral, grassland, and riparian areas in a variety of conditions. These conditions range from nearly pure stands of oak and conifer to mixed stands of conifer, oak, shrubs, and grasses. Grassland areas consists of a combination of native and non-native grasses and forbs, including but not limited to; Wild rye (*Elymus glaucus*), Yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*) and Medusahead (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*). Invasive Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) and Native California Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) is also found along portions of riparian zones. The forest is primarily oak woodland and conifer consisting of Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*), California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), Canyon live oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*), Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*), Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), Incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*), Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), Sugar pine (*Pinus lambertiana*), knobcone pine (*Pinus attenuata*) and Gray pine (*Pinus sabiniana*). Chaparral ecosystem type and/or associated species also occurs throughout portions of the project area. The chaparral species mainly include, but are not limited to, Wedgeleaf ceanothus (*buckbrush*) (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), Greenleaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos patula*), and Whiteleaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos viscida*). The chaparral ecosystem occurs, up to several acres or more and as small patches intermixed with oak woodland or mixed conifer forests. Riparian species such as Big leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), Red alder (*Alnus rubra*), and Pacific Yew

(*Taxus brevifolia*) may be present along Oregon Gulch, the only Class I watercourse in the project area. Ephemeral and intermittent streams may also be present and could have riparian species listed above.

Using CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant funds, the District plans to implement fuels reduction and invasive plant removal treatments on up to 140 acres. The primary goal of this project is to return overstocked forests to a healthier and less hazardous state in this roadside and WUI area. Our objectives include; reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, stimulating the growth of woody shrubs, oaks, and conifers, increasing water yields, encouraging the return of native grasses by reducing non-native invasive plants, and reducing conifer encroachment into the oak woodland and grassland areas. This will be accomplished using a combination of the following fuels reduction and invasive species removal techniques:

- Hand thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) trees and shrubs is proposed for all project acres
- Chipping of woody debris with a tow-behind or tracked chipper is proposed on slopes up to 35%
- Hand piling of slash in piles up to 8'x8' is proposed for all project acres
- Mechanical thinning of small diameter (less than 10" DBH) trees and shrubs with a tracked masticator is proposed on slopes up to 35%
- Prescribed fire, including pile burning, jackpot burning, and low to moderate intensity broadcast burning is proposed for all project acres
- Prescribed fire prep work, including the construction of hand line down to mineral soil. Where possible, existing features such as roads will be used as unit boundaries to minimize hand line construction.
- Removal of invasive plants including scotch broom and star thistle by hand pulling is proposed for all project acres

Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub-canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. Multiple entries may be made with the same range of treatment types to maintain fire resilient conditions.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Aesthetics

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Impacts to visual resources would be particularly small in comparison to impacts that are associated with wildland fire and accompanying suppression impacts. The project is visible to the nearby residential areas as well as to the travelling public along State Highway 299. Some treatments may be visible to the travelling public due to the location, topography, and the type of treatment, which entails hazardous fuel reduction and chipping. Overall, the aesthetic appeal of the areas should be improved through fuel reduction treatments and will result in no impacts to scenic quality and visual resources as it is a small area on the landscape.

Agriculture and Forest Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 Yes No Would any trees be felled? If yes, discuss protection of nesting birds, if necessary.
 Yes No Would the project convert any prime or unique farmland?
 Yes No Would the project result in the conversion of forest land or timberland to non-forest use?
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Thinning will only occur in the understory. Trees over 10 inches in DBH will not be removed unless they pose a threat to operations. Most of the trees that require thinning are between 4 and 6 inches DBH. Thinning shall not be conducted in the overstory stands.

Before any tree is felled it will be assessed for the presence of any nests. If any active nest is observed the tree will not be felled. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed by this project pursuant to section 15304 of CEQA.

No impacts to agriculture and forest reserves are expected.

Air Quality

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 Yes No The local Air Quality Management District guidelines for dust abatement and other air quality concerns were reviewed for this project.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Burning associated with this project can impact the local air shed. Prior to treatment, a Smoke Management Plan will be developed and submitted to the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD). Only after approval of a Smoke Management Plan by the NCUAQMD will burning occur. Smoke management plans are developed for burn projects to reduce smoke impacts on air quality and sensitive receptors to a level that is less than significant. Burning will only be conducted on permissive burn days as determined by the NCUAQMD. A “no burn day” permit may be obtained to burn on non-permissive burn days if it’s determined that sensitive receptors are not negatively impacted by the project.

No adverse impacts to air quality are anticipated in connection with this project.

Biological Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Will the project potentially effect biological resources?
- Yes No Was a current California Natural Diversity Database review completed? Results discussed below:
- Yes No Was a biological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Queries of the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) were conducted in October 2024. The Junction City 7.5’ quad as well as the surrounding 8 quads were queried to determine the potential occurrence of threatened, endangered or rare species and species of special concern. The 9-quad search, centered on the Junction City quad, generated a list of animal and plant species known or believed to exist within the search area. These species are enumerated in Table 1 below. For each species, habitat attributes were identified and analyzed to determine the likelihood of their actual presence within the project area. Consideration was also given to the proposed project activities and the likelihood of any significant adverse impacts to any listed or non-listed species as a result of those activities. The proposed understory thinning will not remove potential nesting structure associated with nesting bird species. Species with potential to be impacted by the proposed project are discussed in greater detail below.

Table 1. Sensitive Species in 9-Quad search

Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	CA Rare Plant Status	Notes
Northern Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	CA Threatened Federal Threatened	-	Potential to impact, discussed in more detail below.
Trinity Bristle Snail	<i>Monadenia infumata setosa</i>	CA Threatened	-	This species occurs on standing dead broadleaf trees in riparian habitats. It is known from only a few streams, not including any in the project area. As this microhabitat will not be disturbed by the proposed project (see Hydrology and Water Quality, below) this species will not be impacted and is not considered further.
Tracy’s Erastrum	<i>Erastrum tracyi</i>	CA Rare	3.2	Mostly occurs in open areas in gravelly shale or clay. Records only exist in the Hayfork Quad, >10 miles from the project area. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Chinook Salmon upper Klamath and Trinity rivers ESU	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> pop. 30	CA Threatened Federal Candidate	-	Potential to impact, discussed in more detail below.
Humboldt Marten	<i>Martes caurina humboldtensis</i>	CA Endangered, Federal Threatened	-	Occurs in late successional coniferous forests and redwood with a low overhead cover. This habitat type is not present in the project area, and therefore this species will not be impacted by the proposed project and is not considered further.
Rattlesnake Fern	<i>Boetrypus virginianus</i>	-	2B.2	Mostly occurs in bogs, fens, meadows, seeps, and riparian forest (wetlands). As riparian areas will not be treated mechanically in this project (see Hydrology and Water Quality, below), this species will not be impacted

				by fuels reduction activities and are not considered further.
Green shield-moss	<i>Buxbaumia viridis</i>	-	2B.2	Occurs in well-rotted logs and in peaty soil and humus. As rotted logs will not be removed as part of this project, this species will not be impacted by fuels reduction activities and is not considered further.
Oregon fireweed	<i>Epilobium oreganum</i>	-	1B.2	Occur in ultramafic bogs, fens, meadows, wetlands, and seeps in montane coniferous forests. As riparian areas will not be treated mechanically in this project (see Hydrology and Water Quality, below), this species will not be impacted by fuels reduction activities and are not considered further.
Shasta chaenactis	<i>Chaenactis suffrutescens</i>	-	1B.3	Occurs in ultramafic montane coniferous forests in sandy or serpentine soils. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Niles' harmonia	<i>Harmonia doris-nilesiae</i>	-	1B.1	Occurs in ultramafic, serpentine barrens. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Dudley's Rush	<i>Juncus dudleyi</i>	-	2B.3	Occurs in wetlands. As riparian areas will not be treated in this project (see Hydrology and Water Quality, below), this species will not be impacted by fuels reduction activities and are not considered further.
Regel's Rush	<i>Juncus regilii</i>	-	2B.3	Occurs in mesic sites such as wetlands and meadows. As riparian areas will not be treated mechanically in this project (see Hydrology and Water Quality, below), this species will not be impacted by fuels reduction activities and are not considered further.
Heckner's lewisia	<i>Lesisia cotyledon var. heckneri</i>	-	1B.2	Occurs in lower montane coniferous forests in rocky sites. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Tracy's beardtongue	<i>Penstemon tracyi</i>	-	1B.3	Occurs in upper montane coniferous forests in dry, rocky ridges, cliffs, and crevices. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Canyon Creek stonecrop	<i>Sedum paradisum ssp. Paradisum</i>	-	1B.3	Occurs in rock faces of exposed granite in upland forests. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.
Klamath Mountain catchfly	<i>Silene salmonacea</i>	-	1B.2	Occurs in ultramafic, serpentine soils within lower montane coniferous forests. Fuels reduction activities proposed in this project only take place in wooded and brushy areas, and will not affect this microhabitat and therefore this species is not considered further.

According to the CNDDDB review, the following species have element occurrences within 2 miles of the project area and were evaluated further, these species include;

- **Northern Spotted Owl** (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)
- **Chinook Salmon upper Klamath and Trinity rivers ESU** (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* pop. 30)

Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) *Threatened in CA

According to the CNDDDB Spotted owl viewer, the nearest NSO activity center is located 1.8 miles to the southwest of the project area. No other activity centers are located within two miles of the project area. No suitable nesting and roosting or foraging habitat is found within the treatment areas. Treatments associated with this project focus only on small diameter trees and shrubs and will not reduce suitable habitat.

Project activities include noise from chainsaws and chippers. Protocol surveys for NSO have not been conducted in the project area, so this analysis assumes NSO may be present in any suitable habitats adjacent to the project areas. A limited operating period (LOP) of February 1 through July 31 will be applied in areas 0.25 miles from the known activity center, which will not impact the proposed project area. This measure applies to all activities that would result in loud and continuous noise (e.g., mechanized equipment use). This LOP meets the “no effect” standard for disturbance that has been established by the Yreka (CA) Office of the US Fish and Wildlife Office and supported by US Forest Service biologists.

Since proposed activities are limited to thinning of small diameter trees, effects to overstory in dispersal habitats are expected to be minimal or non-existent, and project activities are not expected to affect the ability for NSO to disperse throughout the project area.

This project will occur entirely on private lands which are excluded from designation as Critical Habitat for this species. Therefore, no NSO Critical Habitat will be affected.

No significant adverse impacts are expected for to the Northern Spotted Owl as a result of project activities.

Chinook Salmon upper Klamath and Trinity rivers ESU (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* pop. 30) *CA Threatened, Federal Candidate

This ESU includes Chinook Salmon in the Klamath and Trinity rivers upstream of their confluence, particularly the spring run. These anadromous fish are present in the Trinity River adjacent to the project area but are not known to exist in the project area. The main limiting factor for this species at its juvenile stage is temperature, but it can also be impacted by other factors including sediment and changes to habitat structure. Operation of heavy machinery such as a masticator or tracked chipper in or near watercourses has potential to impact this species by increasing sedimentation and erosion. Burning of piles may also cause increased erosion and sedimentation, although healthy, low intensity fire usually does not.

To avoid potential impacts from sediment, project design includes buffers around all watercourses. Watercourses will be excluded from specific treatments including mastication, chipping, piling, and pile burning within established watercourse buffers. Manual treatment of ladder fuels and broadcast burning may take place within watercourse buffers, but no ignitions shall occur within watercourse buffers. Additionally, no operations shall occur within a 100-year floodplain. As the prescription does not include removal of overstory canopy trees, it should not significantly impact the amount of shade on watercourses and water temperature. See Hydrology and Water Quality below for buffer details.

No impacts to Biological resources are expected.

Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Was a current archaeological records check completed? Results discussed below:
- Yes No Was a professional archaeologist consulted? Results discussed below:
- Yes No Was an archaeological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:
- Yes No Will the project effect any historic, archaeological or tribal cultural resources?
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Mechanical treatments and prescribed fire activities included in the proposed project have potential to be ground disturbing. A qualified Professional Archaeologist was contracted to identify cultural resources within the project area and provide project design recommendations to prevent impacts.

An archaeological report and site record search request utilizing the California Historical Resources Information System was sent March 19, 2024 to the Northeast Information Center (NEIC) at Chico State University. This identified 13 previously recorded historic sites within one quarter mile of the project area and four within the project area. No prehistoric sites were identified. A pedestrian survey of the project area was completed by the Professional Archaeologist and technicians under his supervision during the week of March 25, 2024. In addition to the results of the records check, 3 new sites and 16 isolates were

identified, all of them Historic. Site records and a full report were prepared. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, the full results of the report are not included with this public document.

A request was sent on March 19, 2024, to the Native American Heritage Commission for a review of the Sacred Lands Fire and a Native American contact list. No sacred lands were identified and a list of 12 Native American contacts was produced. Consultation letters were sent to these contacts and no responses were received.

The Professional Archaeologist evaluated new and previously identified sites for potential project impacts. Site-specific protection measures are included in project design. These include:

- Several features will be flagged for avoidance prior to treatment and mechanical equipment will be excluded from the sites. Where crossing of linear features with mechanical equipment is desired, designated crossings will be identified. All designated crossings will be located on the ground in coordination with an archaeologist.
- Several features will be flagged for avoidance with a 30' buffer and excluded from mechanical treatment. Directional felling away from the site will be used where there is potential for trees to fall within the site boundaries. Burn piles will not be built or burned within buffers.
- All designated sites will be flagged on the ground in coordination with an archaeologist and identified as controlled areas on the implementation map. This flagging location will also designate the mechanical exclusion zones. Flagging may be done in a piecemeal fashion as different sections of the project are implemented. For treatment types that are permitted within sites, necessity of flagging may be determined on a case by case basis.
- No landings, skid trails, or temporary roads will be established within known cultural resources. Any landings, skid trails, temporary roads or staging areas identified outside of the area of potential effect will be surveyed by qualified archaeologists prior to establishing the support features.
- Historic property location and boundary marking information will be conveyed to appropriate administrators or employees responsible for project implementation so that pertinent information can be incorporated into planning and implementation documents, contracts and permits.
- If inadvertent effects occur to a historic property, a professional archaeologist will be notified immediately to determine whether the effect is adverse, develop mitigation measures, and ensure that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is promptly informed.
- If an unanticipated cultural resource is discovered during project implementation, all work in the vicinity will cease until an archaeologist examines and assesses the resource. Appropriate measures will be taken to protect the new resource as project activities resume.
- If inadvertent effects to or unanticipated discoveries of human remains be made within the project area, the County Coroner [California Health and Safety Code 7050.5(b)] shall be notified immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American or if Native American cultural items pursuant to NAGPRA are uncovered, the provisions of NAGPRA and its regulations at 43 CFR 10 and ARPA at 43 CFR 7 shall be followed on federal lands (RPA Stipulation (7.9) (a)).

No impacts to cultural or tribal cultural resources are expected to result from the project.

Energy

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This section does not apply to this project as the proposed treatments will not affect energy efficiency in any way. No energy will be produced or altered, the project will not result in any unnecessary energy consumption. No effect to energy is anticipated.

Geology and Soils

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The proposed project should not result in significant adverse impacts to slope stability or soil productivity due to the following conditions and project parameters:

- The project area does not contain any known unstable areas.
- The entire overstory stand, and most of the understory stand will be retained.
- Use of mechanical equipment will be limited to slopes of less than 35%.
- Use of mechanical equipment will be limited to outside of the wet winter period.

No impacts related to geology and soils is anticipated

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Would the project generate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
- Yes No Would these GHG emissions result in a significant impact on the environment? Discuss below:
- Yes No Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? Discuss below:

Because treatments will occur on a small scale (up to 140 acres) over a 3-5 year period, treatments are not likely to produce significant Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions which could result in adverse impacts on the environment. Also, project activities will be limited to a short time frame and will not result in a long-term increase in GHG emissions. GHG emissions will result from exhaust associated with the use of chainsaws and project vehicles as well as from pile/broadcast burning. Removing understory vegetation will result in an initial reduction of carbon sequestration, however, scientific principles of the carbon cycle explain that, though CO₂ is released initially through decay and burning, it is then re-sequestered from the atmosphere as the project will enhance plants capacity to photosynthesize at a greater rate due to removal of surrounding competing vegetation. The improved growing conditions as a result of the proposed treatments should improve the residual stands' photosynthetic capacity, increase vigor in residual trees due to a reduction in competition, and result in an overall increase in carbon sequestration rate.

Furthermore, this project aims to restore the landscape to be fire resilient. This reduces the probability of catastrophic wildfire, protects habitable structures within the state responsibility area, and can increase the survival of overstory trees allowing them to continue to sequester carbon. The project also has the potential to reduce the substantial increase in short term emissions from wildfire and spread the emissions over a longer period of time while allowing sequestration to occur in the remaining vegetation; therefore, the proposed project should not create significant adverse impacts associated with increased GHG emissions.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Safety hazards could result during the operations phase through the use of chainsaws, and chipper. All necessary precautions will be implemented to ensure personnel safety. These precautions include proper training and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The only "hazardous materials" being utilized for this project are gasoline and bar oil. Equipment used on this project will not be serviced in locations where servicing will allow grease, oil, or fuel to pass into a watercourse. All containers shall be properly labeled and equipped with nozzles designed to prevent accidental spillage. No impacts due to hazards or hazardous materials is anticipated.

Hydrology and Water Quality

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Will the project potentially affect any watercourse or body of water?
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Oregon Gulch, a Class I stream, is the only mapped watercourse in the project area. There are project design measures in place to protect these watercourses within the project area. Watercourses will be excluded from mechanical treatments and prescribed fire ignitions, but hand treatment will be permitted in riparian reserves. Mature riparian vegetation such as alder and bigleaf maple and standing dead broadleaf trees will not be removed, and shade will be maintained over riparian channels. Low intensity backing fire will also be permitted in riparian reserves. Heavy machinery will only cross riparian reserves on existing roads or established crossings. Additionally, no operations shall occur within a 100-year floodplain.

For Class I watercourses, watercourse buffers will be 150'. For Class II watercourses, buffers widths will be 50' for side slopes <30% and 75' for side slopes 30% or greater. For Class III watercourses, buffer widths will be 25' for side slopes <30% and 50' for side slopes 30% or greater.

No impacts to hydrology and water quality is expected.

Land Use and Planning

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This section does not apply as the project will not change or conflict with and any land use plan, policy, or regulation. No effect is anticipated.

Mineral Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This section does not apply as there are no known mineral resources found within the treatment area, no effect is anticipated as a result of this project.

Noise

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The use of mechanized equipment (masticator, chainsaws or chipper) will generate noise during fuel reduction activities. To reduce potential impacts created by noise, use of mechanized equipment shall only be conducted during the hours of 0700 – 1700, Monday through Friday. No impacts related to noise are anticipated.

Population and Housing

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This section does not apply as project components (fuel reduction) are not related to population and housing. There will be no effect.

Public Services

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This section does not apply as project components will not impact or change any public services, or fire/police protection and their ability to respond and perform. No effect to public services is anticipated.

Recreation

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project is occurring in a county park with recreational uses, including sporting fields and disc golf course. Fuels reduction activities will have no impact on most recreational facilities and will improve the playability of the disc golf course by opening up the understory. Fuels reduction activities impacting the recreational facilities will be coordinated to avoid any conflicts with recreationalists.

No impact to recreation is anticipated.

Transportation and Traffic

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

This project will generate an insignificant amount of road traffic from work crews and project management. Smoke management measures will prevent impacts to motorists from prescribed fire. This project will not generate road blockages or impede ingress or egress to or from the treatment areas. No impact to transportation or traffic is anticipated.

Utilities and Service Systems
 This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:
 A utility line runs along the northeast edge of the project area. Fuel reduction activities will not take place within striking distance of the power line. No effect to utilities or service systems is anticipated.

Wildfire
 This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:
 The project area is in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) of the community of Junction City and is at high risk for wildfire. This area has been threatened by multiple wildfires in the past including the 2021 Monument Fire, which burned very close to the proposed project area. Fire behavior in this area has been extreme and community members' lives have been threatened. Highway 299 is a critical route of ingress and egress for surrounding communities, while Junction City park often hosts fire camps. These types of fuel reduction projects will improve and maintain the land's resistance and resilience to wildfire disturbances. No wildfire impacts are anticipated.

Changes Made to Avoid Environmental Impacts:
 The implementation LOP for noise impacts to NSO will effectively avoid potential negative impacts associated with fuels reduction. Compliance with a NCUAQMD-approved Smoke Management Plan will prevent air quality or transportation impacts. Exclusion of some treatment types from culturally sensitive areas will prevent impacts to cultural resources.
 Watercourse buffers will be implemented to protect habitat values associated with creeks, springs, and other wet areas within the project area. Within buffers, only light-touch manual treatments and low-intensity backing fire will be permitted. For Class I watercourses, buffer widths will be 150'. For Class II watercourses, buffers widths will be 50' for side slopes <30% and 75' for side slopes 30% or greater. For Class III watercourses, buffer widths will be 25' for side slopes <30% and 50' for side slopes 30% or greater. This will also avoid any impacts to sensitive riparian species.
 Further, outside of LOP's associated with NSO, the use of mechanized equipment (chain saws and chippers) will only be conducted during the hours of 0700 – 1700 Monday – Friday, as a means to avoid impacts to the community resulting from noise.

Mandatory Findings of Significance:	YES	NO
(a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Justification for Use of a Categorical Exemption (discuss why the project is exempt, cite exemption number(s), and describe how the project fits the class): The proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304. Pursuant to Section 15304, Class 4 consists of minor private alterations of vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project involves removal of small diameter understory trees and brush species to reduce the vertical and horizontal continuity of forest fuels. The trees being removed are in a suppressed state and are not considered healthy.

Field review by District staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of hand and mechanical thinning and understory burning. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. This project will not convert forestland to non-forest uses, and all treated vegetation will have the ability to grow back. The District has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire.

Conclusion:

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of categorical exemptions to CEQA, the project proponent has determined that the project fits within one or more of the exemption classes and no exceptions exist at the project site which would preclude the use of this exemption. The project proponent considered the possibility of (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource. A notice of exemption will be filed.

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of categorical exemptions to CEQA, the project proponent has determined that the project does not fit within the description for the various exemption classes or has found that exceptions exist at the project site that precludes the use of a categorical exemption for this project. Additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate CEQA document used may be a negative declaration or a mitigated negative declaration.

Figure 1: Project Area Map

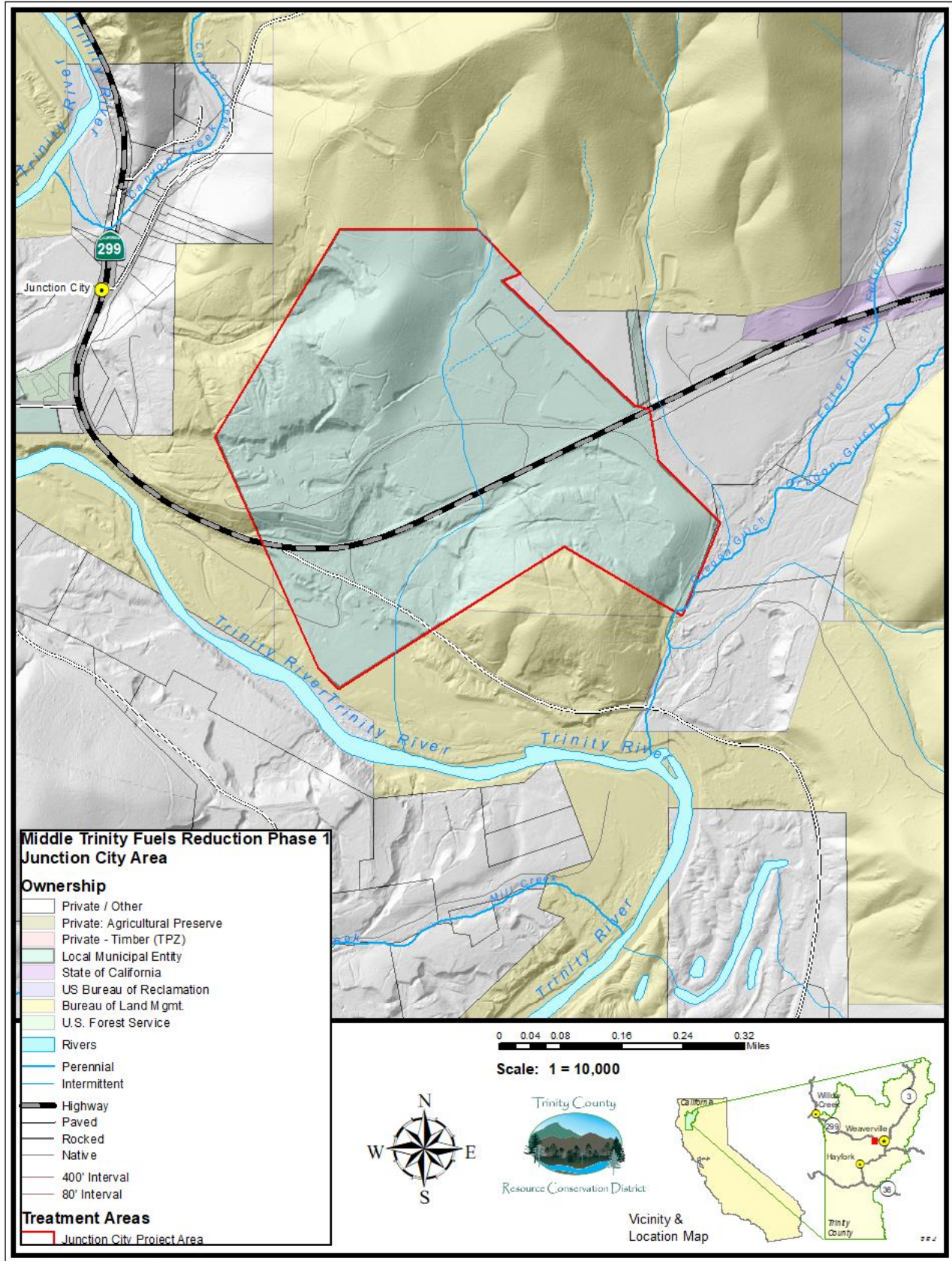
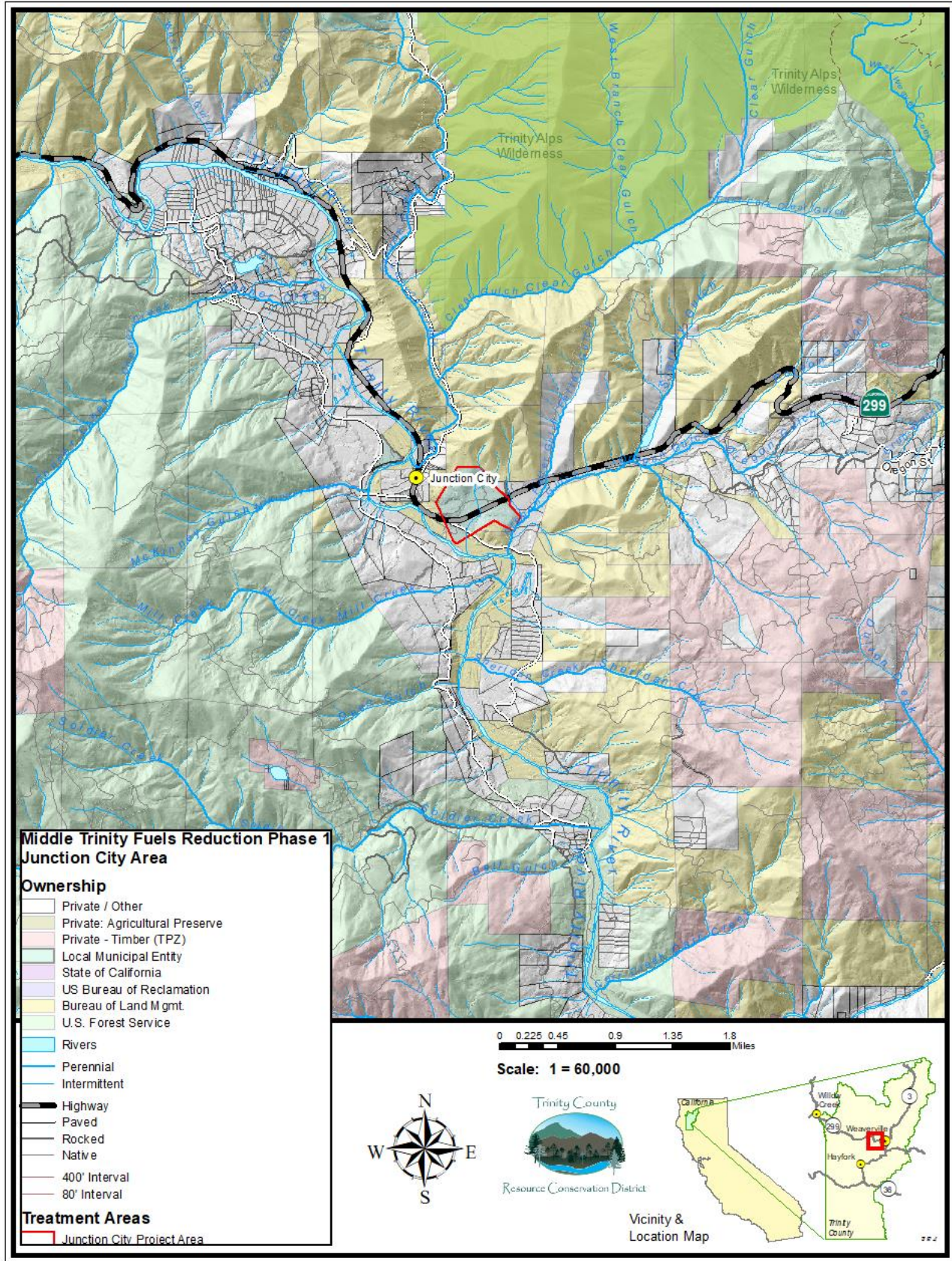


Figure 2: Project Area Vicinity





Notice of Exemption Trinity County Resource Conservation District

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PROJECT TITLE	Middle Trinity Fuels Reduction Phase I: Junction City		
PROJECT LOCATION	The project is located in the Junction City park and dump along State Hwy 299 in Junction City, Trinity County, California. T33N, R10W, sections 7 and 18, MDBM.	COUNTY	Trinity
LEAD AGENCY	Trinity County Resource Conservation District (The District)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (the District) plans to implement fuels reduction activities along State Highway 299 and in the Junction City dump and park area in Trinity County, CA. This 140-acre area is owned by the County of Trinity and stewarded by the North Fork Grange. This project is an integral part of the District’s landscape strategy aimed at protecting Trinity County communities from future catastrophic wildfire events and returning the landscape to a healthy, less hazardous state. Project objectives include: reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, stimulating the growth of woody shrubs, oaks, and conifers, increasing water yields, encouraging the return of native grasses by reducing non-native invasive plants, and reducing conifer encroachment into the oak woodland and grassland areas.

Fuel Reduction treatments will include hand thinning of small diameter (less than 10” DBH) trees and shrubs, chipping of woody debris with a tracked or tow-behind chipper, hand piling of slash, mechanical thinning of small diameter trees (less than 10” DBH) and shrubs with a tracked masticator, prescribed fire including pile burning, jackpot burning, and broadcast burning, prescribed fire prep work including digging hand line to mineral soil, and hand pulling of invasive plants. Emphasis will be placed on eliminating the continuity of surface and ladder fuels. Some sub canopy trees may be removed to break up vertical continuity to dominant trees as well as to raise the canopy base height, which will reduce future fire intensity. The project will be maintained in perpetuity using similar treatments. Project design elements, including limitations on treatments near watercourses or culturally sensitive areas, will prevent environmental impacts. All prescribed fire will take place under a Smoke Management Plan approved by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

It has been determined that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304; Minor Alterations to land, and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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