

Title/Issue: American River Canyon Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break Continuation Project
(Agreement #5GS16131) – Notice of Exemption (NOE).

Meeting Date: October 13, 2017

Attached Information: NOE.

Proposed Action: Board to authorize signature of President B. Bennett on NOE.

Proposed By: M. Egbert

Background:

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	American River Canyon Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break (5GS16131)		
PROJECT LOCATION	The Project is located in the southern portion of the unincorporated community of El Dorado in El Dorado County, California. USGS Auburn 7.5' quadrangle; T12N, R8E, Sections 8 & USGS Greenwood 7.5' quadrangle; T12N, R9E, Sections 2,3,4,8,9,10.	COUNTY	El Dorado
LEAD AGENCY	Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a priority as identified in the Auburn Lake Trails Wildfire Protection Plan (LCWPP). The Georgetown Divide resource Conservation District proposes to work one-on-one with individual landowners to develop defensible fuel zones within the wildland urban interface area within the vicinity of American River Canyon to provide mutual fire prevention for communities and valuable watershed resources. The objective includes development of a fuel profile that will resemble the pre-settlement timber stand condition, which is typically more receptive to wildland fire fighting operations and provides a defensible location for fire fighting operations. The desired final outcome will be appropriately spaced timber stands with a noticeable absence of ladder fuels. A combination of mechanical and hand treatments will be utilized to reduce the fire hazard. Maintenance activities will be accomplished through chemical treatment, prescribed burning, chipping, mastication, handwork, animal, biomass utilization or the combination of the above.

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))
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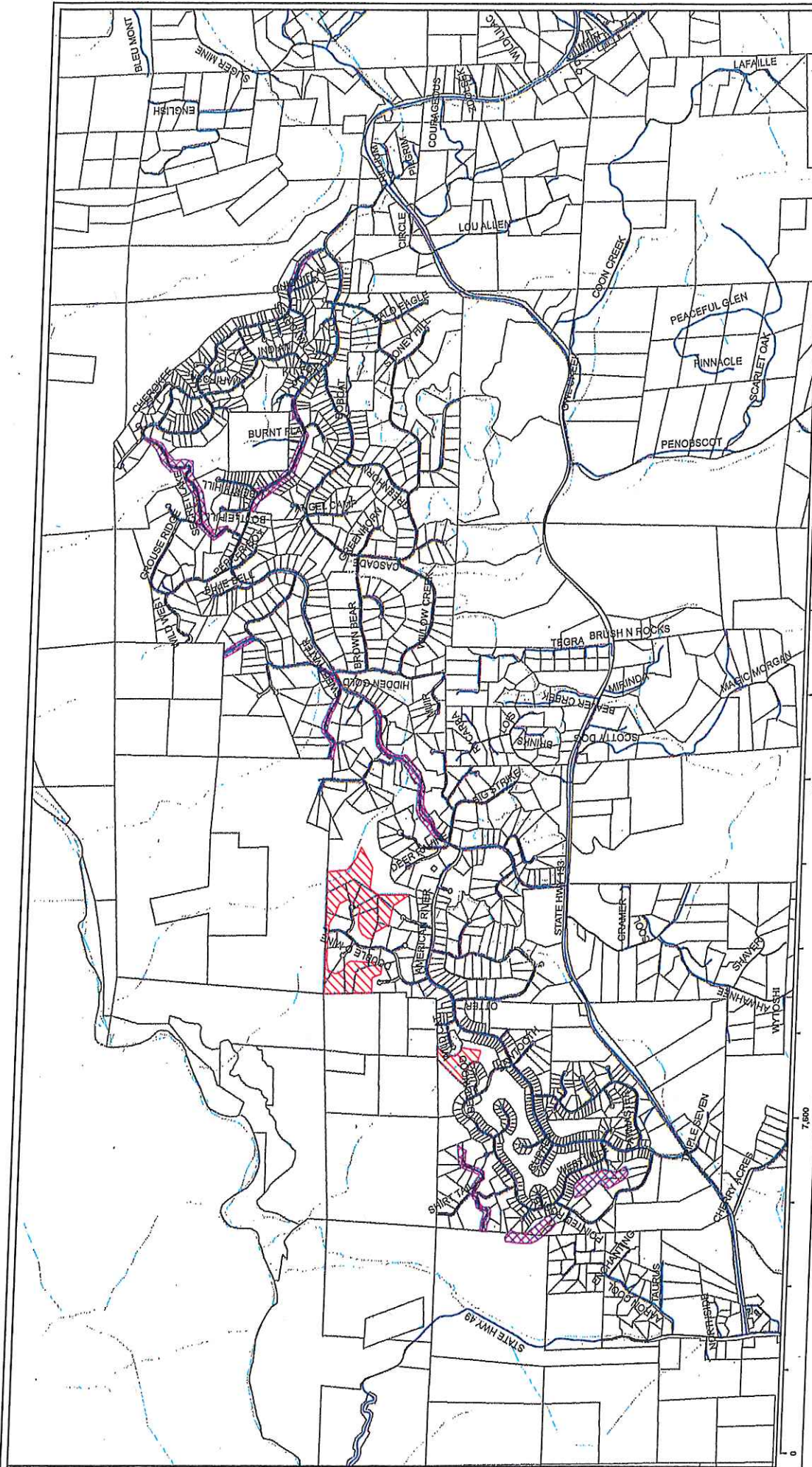
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Project involves minor alteration of vegetation, including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation. The activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. According to the Department of Fish and game's Natural Diversity Database, there are no listed plants or animal species affected by the project. There will be no impact to historic or cultural resources due to lack of ground disturbance.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

William J. Bennett

Date



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