NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Concow Hazardous Fuel Removal, Phase V		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 3,4 T22N, R4E; Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian	**COUNTY**	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 6" in diameter) and dead woody debris(snags less than 11" in diameter) within two designated areas totaling 21 acres within 150' of access roads (see map) to reduce the fire hazard and create a shaded fuel break. Fuels will be either chipped and scattered, or hand piled for burning later when moisture levels are sufficiently high enough to allow for safe disposal and minimal risk for escape.
Rare Plant survey was conducted on the project area September- October 2013 , Natural Diversity Data Base inquiry was made January 2014, no sensitive species were identified within the project area or immediate vicinity of the project area.

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
& Class 8 §15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources

☐ 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

This project fits within the definitions of the above-listed three Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review and office research conducted by Randolph Vasquez has confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. I have 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at, 1600 Feather River Blvd Suite B, Oroville, California, CA 95965, Attn. Randolph Vasquez.

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Duane Shintaku 3/28/14
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date
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