State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Three River School Assembly Area		
PROJECT LOCATION	Three Rivers School. T17S, R28E, Sec 13 and 24. MDBM	**COUNTY**	Tulare
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the removal of the hazardous fuel load by hand crews utilizing hand tools, chainsaws, and a portable chipper around the school and the community library. The vegetation that is to be removed will consist of down tree limbs, blackberries, and various brush species. The school will serve many different functions. This is a central meeting location for many in the community. This location will serve as a shelter in place for the children during the school day during a disaster. This location will and can be used as a safe refuse during a disaster as well as evacuation center or an assembly area. Providing a fuel reduction project around this school will help to ensure the safety and the success of one of these events.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14 CCR §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

The project will establish a fuel break around the school and library thru hand clearing. The project involves only minor alterations to the existing conditions of the land and vegetation designed to establish a more natural vegetative condition with a reduced fire risk. The project will allow safe community evacuation should fire become a threat.

CNDDB and archeological reviews have been conducted for this project. Consultations with Fish and Game as well as CAL FIRE archaeology have occurred. No significant environmental impact is anticipated from this project.

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