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ERIC ROOD ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
950 MAIDU AVENUE
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DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance for the Scotts Valley Road Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

This project proposes approximately 1,600 feet of minor shoulder widening and related drainage improvements along Scotts Valley Road from Willow Creek Lane to Burjer Road. This is a winding narrow, graveled roadway with narrow to no shoulders. The project will address roadway safety by widening shoulders to improve sight visibility, improving roadway drainage, and surfacing the road with a double chip seal to Nevada County Class 1 Road Standards. The project will include minor cuts and fills. Roadside vegetation and trees will be removed in order to provide improved fuel management; however, these activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Right-of-way is necessary for this project and is currently in the process of being acquired.

This Department has reviewed the project as to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has identified the project as a Class 1 and Class 4 project. Class 1 projects consist of repair or minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of use and Class 4 projects consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, per Section 15301 (c) and 15304 (h) of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the project and upon approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, will be filed with the Nevada County Clerk's Office.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

STEVE CASTLEBERRY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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