

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Nevada

From: (Public Agency): County of Nevada
Office of Emergency Services
50 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959

(Address)

Project Title: Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project

Project Applicant: County of Nevada, Office of Emergency Services

Project Location - Specific:

See attached Exhibit A for maps and a list of the roads included in this project.

Project Location - City: Various Locations Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2023 Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project will remove storm debris caused by the February-March Winter Storm of 2023 from along private and county roadways in highly impacted communities, including North Bloomfield, Cascade Shores, Greenhorn, Lower Colfax, PlaVada, Scotts Flat, and You Bet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Nevada

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Nevada, Office of Emergency Services

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☒ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt as it addresses a declared emergency. California, including Nevada County was struck by storm disasters starting on February 21, 2023. On March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to support disaster response and relief in counties impacted by severe winter storms, including Nevada County. On April 3, 2023, President Biden declared a major disaster, "California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (DR-4699)." County of Nevada was added to the list of impacted counties on June 30, 2023. To reduce the risk of wildfire in the aftermath of the declared emergency (2023 Winter Storm) this project will maintain and restore property impacted by downed hazardous vegetation and vegetative debris. As such, the project falls under a Categorical Exemption per Section 15269(a) - Emergency Projects.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Craig Griesbach, Director, OES Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-265-1583

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 9/20/23 Title: Director of Emergency Services

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____