

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CEQA FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE TUOLUMNE-STANISLAUS WATERSHED OUTREACH AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The function of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of local land managers and citizens for conserving soil, water, and related natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Water resource quality, quantity, and distribution is the top priority natural resource issue identified in the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District's Strategic Plan to be addressed through District projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District has been awarded funds through the Department of Water Resources Proposition 84 IRWM Round 2 Grant to administer funding to the Tuolumne River Trust for the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources requires environmental review of all grant funded projects;

WHEREAS, the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program includes education, outreach, trail and campsite restoration, and small habitat restoration and assessment throughout the Stanislaus and Tuolumne River watersheds.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program will not have any adverse effects on the environment because construction activities will consist of implementation of minor improvements to small structures and lands specifically designed to enhance water quality and restore wildlife habitat. All other activities are educational or outreach related.

It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District hereby finds that the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program is Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 existing infrastructure; §15302, Class 2 replacement or reconstruction; §15304, Class 4 minor alterations to land; §15306, Class 6 information collection; §15322, Class 22 educational or training programs involving no physical changes; §15333, Class 33 small habitat restoration projects.

It is further RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the Chair or District Manager to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of Tuolumne County and State Clearinghouse, with a copy sent to the Department of Water Resources.

AYES;

ABSTAIN:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

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\_\_\_\_\_, Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** (Public Agency): Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
PO Box 4394 Sonora, CA 95370

County Clerk  
County of: Tuolumne

Project Title: Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program

Project Applicant: Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific: Various locations within the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Region

Project Location - City: Sonora Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tuolumne-Stanislaus Watershed Outreach and Stewardship Program includes education, outreach, trail and campsite restoration, and small habitat restoration and assessment throughout the Stanislaus and Tuolumne River watersheds

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tuolumne River Trust

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: §15301, Class1existinginfrastructure; §15302, Class2replacementorreconstruction; §15304, Class4minoralterationstoland; §15306, Class6information collection; §15322, Class22educationalortrainingprograms involvingnophysicalchanges; §15333, Class33 smallhabitatrestorationprojects.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is includes research and information gathering, development of training and educational programs, implementation of minor improvements to small structures and lands designed specifically to enhance water quality and restore wildlife and fisheries habitats.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: **Stephanie Suess**

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 984-0500

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.