

Notice of Determination

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Collins Pine Vegetation Treatment Project

Project Location: Collins Pine lands, west to southwest of Chester, CA, Tehama County

Project Description: The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County proposes the Collins Pine Vegetation Treatment Project, which entails the implementation of vegetation treatments on up to 10,376 acres of land in Tehama County. The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis/Addendum (PSA/Addendum) for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The proposed treatment types (i.e., shaded and non-shaded fuel breaks, ecological restoration) and the treatment activities (i.e., manual treatments, mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, herbicide application) are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR. Maintenance treatments would involve the same vegetation treatment types and activities used in the initial treatments. The role of implementing agency is held by Collins Pine Company.

Specific restoration objectives of the project include promoting forest health and resilience to disturbance (e.g., wildfire). Treatments would reduce invasive species (e.g., bromes [*Bromus* spp.]) that occupy treatment areas, particularly following wildfire; reforest burned areas with ecologically appropriate species; reduce vegetation in the overstocked understory; increase the average height of vegetation to the bottom of live crowns; and increase the spacing between canopy trees. Long-term maintenance objectives include the return of low-intensity prescribed fire and maintenance of vegetation at a natural fire return interval. The vegetative biomass generated by the proposed project would be disposed of by several methods including prescribed fire, hauling off-site to a biomass facility as waste product, and lopping and scattering within treatment boundaries.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on September 6, 2023, and has made the following determinations related to the PSA:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Collins Pine Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR. The proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.

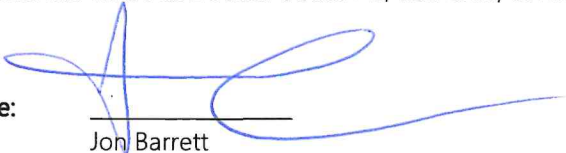
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5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Collins Pine Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum and record of project approval are available to the general public. The custodian of these documents is District Manager, Jon Barrett. Please contact Jon Barrett at jbarrett@tehamacountyrca.org or 530.727.1293 to arrange document viewing. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, subdivision (e), the documents constituting the record of proceedings are available for review during normal business hours at 2 Sutter Street #D, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Signature:



Jon Barrett

Title:

District Manager, Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Date:

September 6, 2023

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