

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: Jackson Creek Forest Health Project

Project Location: Amador County, south of SR 88, east of the City of Jackson, and north of the North Fork Mokelumne River

Project Description: Amador Resource Conservation District (RCD) proposes to implement vegetation treatments on up to 3,440 acres of land in Amador County in the Jackson Creek Watershed east of the City of Jackson. The proposed treatment type is ecological restoration and the proposed treatment activities are prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, manual treatments, prescribed herbivory, and herbicide application. Maintenance treatments would involve the same vegetation treatment types and activities used in the initial treatments. Amador RCD has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR and provide environmental information to Amador RCD in compliance with CEQA. The Jackson Creek Forest Health Project PSA/Addendum was prepared to evaluate the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP Program EIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Amador RCD Board (Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on February 16, 2023, and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Jackson Creek Forest Health Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR (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.
 - a. The majority of 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.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape or were not contemplated in the Program EIR would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the Program EIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project.
5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by Amador RCD for this project.
6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by Amador RCD for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Jackson Creek Forest Health Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at the Amador RCD website (<https://www.amadorrcd.org/CEQA>).

Signature:



Title: BOARD PRESIDENT

Date:

16 Feb 2023

Dated Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.