

*City of Ukiah***NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION****Project Title:** Calpella Waste Water Treatment Training Burn**Project Location:** Calpella Waste Water Treatment
5681 North State St, Calpella CA 95418
APN:167-110-17 and 167-110-16**Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Ukiah**Name Of Project Applicant:** Ukiah Valley Fire Authority**TO: X** Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**FROM:** City of Ukiah
300 Seminary
Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482**X** Mendocino County Clerk- Recorder
501 Low Gap Road, STE 1020
Ukiah, CA 95482**CEQA EXEMPTION STATUS:**

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption:** Article 19, Class 4, Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), including subsection (i) Fuel Management Activities
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption:**

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Project Description: The Ukiah Valley Fire Authority (UVFA) proposes to conduct fuel management activities, including prescribed burning, within an approximately 2.78-acre area located south of the Calpella Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities. The project area is located on the southern portion of APN 167-110-17 and the northern portion of APN 167-110-16 and consists primarily of ruderal grasses and weeds within previously disturbed areas associated with the wastewater treatment facility.

The purpose of the project is to reduce wildfire fuel loads surrounding public utility infrastructure and provide training opportunities for firefighting personnel. The project involves no construction, grading, expansion of existing facilities, tree removal, or permanent alteration of land use. Fuel management activities would occur within the defined treatment area depicted on the project map.

The project site is located within a Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The site does not contain wetlands, streams, serpentine soils, or known special-status plant or

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wildlife occurrences. The project is located within the Wildland-Urban Interface (Low Density Intermix) and is situated approximately 100 feet from the Russian River.

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. The project consists of fuel management activities and prescribed burning within a previously disturbed area to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation surrounding public utility infrastructure and improve wildfire resilience.

The project qualifies for the exemption because it involves minor alterations to existing vegetation and does not include construction, grading, expansion of facilities, or permanent changes to land use. The project area consists primarily of ruderal grasses and weeds and is located within an existing wastewater treatment facility property.

The City has determined that the project will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, significant erosion, sedimentation of surface waters, or other significant environmental impacts. No wetlands, streams, or known special-status biological resources occur within the treatment area.

Any environmental effects associated with the prescribed burn would be temporary, localized, and less than significant. The project will not result in long-term environmental impacts and will improve wildfire protection for critical public infrastructure located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

The City further finds that none of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project. The project will not result in a significant cumulative impact, significant effect due to unusual circumstances, damage to scenic resources, impacts to hazardous waste sites, or significant adverse effects on historical resources.

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This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption and other project related documents are available to the General Public at: Community Development Department, Planning Division, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Signature (Public Agency)

6-30-26

(Date)

Community Development Director
(Title)