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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
Tehama County, CA
633 Washington St., Room 111
Red Bluff, CA 96080

FROM: RCD of Tehama County
202 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

PROJECT TITLE RCDTC CARBONIZER SALE LANE PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION The project area is located on **COUNTY** Tehama private property within the Red Bluff City limits in Unincorporated Tehama County, California. The following location represents the targeted area where project work will be implemented.

P.A.T.H Property, Tehama County, California
(Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 041-310-014-00, 041-310-007-000, 041-310-009-000, 041-320-014-000, 041-310-006-000)

LEAD AGENCY RCD of Tehama County

CONTACT PERSON Amy Kendrick **PHONE** (530) 727-1280
ADDRESS 202 Walnut Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Project Description

The project involves the removal of approximately 80 acres of end-of-life prune orchard on the PATH Property and the on-site processing of orchard biomass into biochar using a low-emissions, controlled thermal processing system (e.g., carbonizer). Generated biochar will be crushed as needed and reapplied to agricultural soils on the project site as a soil amendment.

The purpose of the project is to improve soil health, sequester carbon, reduce emissions associated with traditional orchard disposal methods, and support sustainable agricultural land management. Project beneficiaries include the landowner, surrounding agricultural operations, and the broader community through improved air quality and climate benefits.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Tehama Conservation Fund

EXEMPTION STATUS

Categorical
Exemption

Type/Section: §15304 (e) Minor Alterations to Land
Class 4

Statutory Exemption (state code section):
 Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
 Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project consists of routine agricultural orchard removal and soil amendment activities occurring on previously disturbed farmland. Biochar production will be conducted using controlled, low-emissions technology and does not involve open burning. No expansion of agricultural use, new land conversion, or development is proposed. The project will not result in significant environmental effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, water resources, biological resources, or cultural resources.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. Attached certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? yes

SIGNATURE:

Amy Kendrick **DATE:** 1/21/26

TITLE: RCD of Tehama County Project Coordinator, Amy Kendrick

Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
 Signed by Applicant