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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
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PROJECT TITLE	RCDTC CARBONIZER SALE LANE PROJECT
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PROJECT LOCATION	The project area is located on 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)	COUNTY	Tehama
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LEAD AGENCY	RCD of Tehama County
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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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption	Type/Section:	§15304 (e) Minor Alterations to Land Class 4
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- ☐ 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:



DATE:

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TITLE: RCD of Tehama County Project Coordinator, Amy Kendrick

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: