

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Yuba
915 8th Street
Marysville, CA 95901

From: (Public Agency): Yuba County Water Agency
1220 F Street
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Project Title: Lake Francis Vegetation Management Herbicide TreatmentProject Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Located on Yuba County Water Agency own lands (APN: 048-170-032-000) surrounding Lake Francis in Yuba County, California.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed activity consists of maintenance herbicide treatment using ground-based backpack sprayers to control invasive broom species and other target vegetation within previously managed vegetation management areas. The activity is intended to maintain long standing vegetation management efforts, reduce hazardous vegetation conditions, and protect Agency lands and facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yuba County Water AgencyName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yuba County Water Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 21065

Reasons why project is exempt:

The activity is not a project subject to CEQA under Public Resources Code section 21065 because the activity represents a continuation of long-standing vegetation management activities that form part of the environmental baseline and will not result in a foreseeable incremental environmental impact when measured against the baseline.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jessica Nichols Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-789-4649

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Jessica Nichols Date: 7/22/26 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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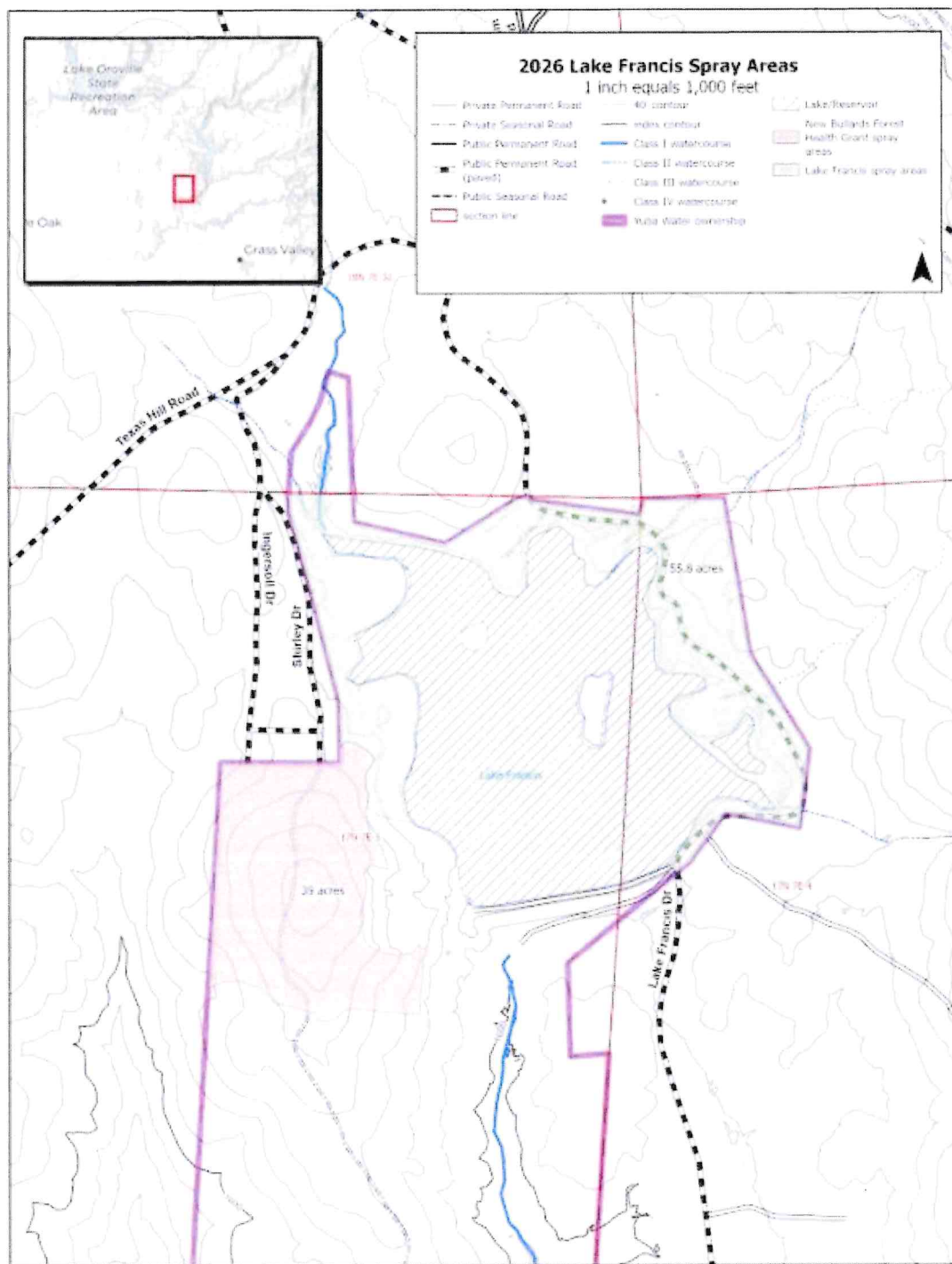


Figure 1. Location of Lake Francis and the Corresponding Herbicide Treatment Area