



# *County of Yuba*

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#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022

TO: DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: Kevin Perkins, Assistant CDSA Director

RE: Environmental Assessment 2022-0008 (Yuba Roadside Fuel Treatment Project)

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**REQUEST:** The applicant is seeking the Development Review Committee adopt CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination for the Yuba Roadside Fuel Treatment Project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Development Review Committee (DRC) make the appropriate CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations (Attachment 1) and direct staff to file a CEQA Notice of Determination for EA 2022-0008.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (Yuba FSC) and five local fire districts are proposing fuel reduction treatments along 555 miles of public and private roadways in Yuba County (project). The project would increase the safety of emergency access and evacuation routes and establish fuel breaks along roadways. The proposed project would involve fuels reduction treatments within a 150-foot buffer along County-maintained roads and within a 30-foot buffer along private and County Service Area (CSA)-maintained roads. The project is part of a larger initiative in Yuba County to reduce roadside fuels and establish a network of fuel breaks to protect communities in case of wildfire. The larger initiative would also include fuel reduction activities on federal land, primarily U.S. Forest Service land. The project described and analyzed in this document does not include federal lands.

For further project description specifics, please refer to Attachment 2 (Project Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR.)

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection adopted an Environmental Impact Report in 2019 (SCH: 2019012052) that covered the activities that will be included in the Yuba Roadside Fuel Treatment Project. Given that the project activities proposed by the Yuba Roadside Fuel Treatment Project are consistent with the previously

adopted EIR, the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council can utilize this document for their project as long as the Yuba County Development Review Committee adopts specific CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations
2. Project Specific Analysis and Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR
3. Final MMRP