

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research

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From: *Resource Conservation District of Tehama County*

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Seronica Biggs, District Forester/RPF 3221

To: Tehama County Clerk

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: *Crane Mills Vegetation Treatment Project*

Project Location: The project is located on up to 47,314 acres located approximately 25-35 miles west and northwest of Corning, in Tehama County, California.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of vegetation treatments on up to 47,314 acres for wildfire risk reduction and forest health improvement on private land in western Tehama County, California. The owner of the land is Crane Mills, a natural resources company headquartered in Corning, CA. The land is managed by Crane Mills' staff of professional foresters and land managers. The proposed treatment types (i.e., shaded fuel breaks and ecological restoration) and the treatment activities (i.e., manual treatments, mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, herbicide application, and prescribed herbivory) are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP Program EIR. Maintenance treatments would involve the same treatment types and activities used in the initial treatments.

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum (PSA/addendum) for the project as a later activity covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). RCDTC is the project proponent and CEQA lead agency. RCDTC will enter into a partnership with Crane Mills to implement the proposed treatments. The partnership may entail the provision of resources to Crane Mills by RCDTC, including funding, staffing, and technical input. In the PSA/Addendum, Crane Mills is referred to as the "implementing entity," reflecting its role as the implementer of treatments on its land.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on 1.8.2025 and has made the following determinations related to the PSA:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Crane Mills Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR. The proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.

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Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Crane Mills Vegetation Treatment Project PSA and Addendum and record of project approval are available to the general public. The custodian of these documents is Seronica Biggs, District Forester/RPF 3221. Please contact Seronica Biggs at sbiggs@tehamacountyrcd.org or 530.727.9983 to arrange document viewing. The document can also found on the RCDTC website at: <https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/>.

Signature: 
Tricia Parker-Hamelberg

Title: *Board President*

Date: 1.7.2025

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Authority cited: Sections 21082 and 21087, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.