



# Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., a public hearing will be conducted at McLean Hall, Pardee Center, Valley Springs, CA. The Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) will consider the following:

**PROJECT NAME, DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:** The Pumpkin Hollow Restoration Project (Project) will improve ecological resilience of forested communities within the Stanislaus National Forest project boundaries through forest, meadow and aspen restoration and fuels management treatments. These treatments are designed to increase resistance to catastrophic wildfire while improving water supply through snowpack accumulation and persistence. This project will result in a forested landscape expected to withstand catastrophic wildfire and the ecological and water quality damage potentially caused by such events.

The Project is located on the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest in Calaveras County, California. The majority of project activities are planned in the upper headwaters of Blue Creek that flows into the Mokelumne River with a small area near Big Meadow Creek that flows into the North Fork Stanislaus River. Large-scale catastrophic wildfires have occurred in this region of the Sierra Nevada range for decades.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS:** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this is notice that the lead agency, UMRWA, intends to consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration for the Project. The Initial Study indicates the proposed Project could not have a significant impact on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study may be obtained by emailing a request to Rob Alcott, Executive Officer at [robalcott@aol.com](mailto:robalcott@aol.com), or by downloading a copy available at the Authority's website ([www.umarwa.org](http://www.umarwa.org)). A hard copy may be viewed or obtained at the UMRWA office located at 15083 Camanche Parkway South, Valley Springs, CA (this is the EBMUD Camanche Recreation Office) Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Notice is hereby given the UMRWA Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on this project at the McLean Hall, Pardee Center, Valley Springs, California, on **Friday, April 22, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Anyone having comments on the Project may attend and be heard.

Interested parties are invited to comment in writing beginning March 22 but by no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2016, and/or appear at the hearing described above to provide oral or written comments in regard to the proposed project and Negative Declaration. Questions and written comments should be submitted via email to Rob Alcott, Executive Officer at [robalcott@aol.com](mailto:robalcott@aol.com).

**NOTE:** If you do not comment at the public hearing or send in written comments and later decide to challenge the nature of this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or have given in

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written correspondence delivered to the public entity conducting the hearing at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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Date of this notice: March 22, 2016

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