Resolution of Enforcement Action

Unauthorized Tree Removal , Grading, and Failure to Maintain BMPs

6458 Donner Road, Placer County, CA

March 25, 2026

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SDA Corp Property

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Area of disturbance
Google Maps

Unauthorized Tree Removal

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Unauthorized Grading

Code Violations

- **Unauthorized Tree removal:**
  - TRPA Code of Ordinances § 33.6.1: Vegetation shall not be disturbed, injured, or removed except in accordance with the Code or conditions of project approval during construction.
  - TRPA Code of Ordinances § 61.1.5: The cutting, moving, removing, killing, or materially damaging of live trees, and the attachment of appurtenances to trees, shall comply with this subsection. The removal of trees 14 inches dbh or less shall be exempt from TRPA approval under subparagraph 2.3.2.M and requirements of this chapter, except as provided herein. Removal of trees greater than 14 inches dbh shall require approval by TRPA except as provided in subparagraphs 61.1.4.A.2 and 61.1.4.A.3.

Code Violations

- **Unauthorized Grading:**
  - TRPA Code of Ordinances § 2.3.2.E: Excavation, Filling, or Backfilling Excavation, filling, or backfilling for a volume not in excess of three cubic yards, provided the activity is completed within a 48-hour period and the excavation site is stabilized to prevent erosion. Excavation, filling, or backfilling for a volume up to ten cubic yards is exempt on non-sensitive land only and provided the activity occurs during the grading season (May 1 to October 15) and the excavation site is stabilized within 48 hours to prevent erosion. Changes to existing grade shall not exceed two vertical feet in any location and shall not alter existing drainage patterns except as needed to implement water quality BMPs. This exemption shall not be construed to exempt a series of excavations, filling, or backfilling that collectively would constitute a project. *Backfilling excavation to fill area where one tree over 30 inches dbh was removed without authorization has exceeded ten cubic yards of material and therefore is not an exempt activity.*

Code Violations

- **Failure to Maintain Temp BMPs:**
  - TRPA Code of Ordinances § 33.6.10.C: No material or equipment shall enter or be placed in the areas protected by fencing or outside the construction areas without prior approval from TRPA.
  - TRPA Code of Ordinances § 60.4.3.A: Temporary BMPs in accordance with the Handbook of Best Management Practices, and as required in Section 33.5, shall be implemented on construction sites and maintained throughout the construction period until winterization and permanent BMPs are in place.

Staff Recommendation

- $10,000 penalty to TRPA; and
- Plant 3 native conifers