

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Murphys CAL FIRE Station Generator Installation Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	33 Apple Blossom Drive, Murphys; T3N, R14E, Sec 5; MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Calaveras
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will install a backup generator on an existing CAL FIRE station in Murphys. Proposed project activities include installation of: a 10 x 16-foot concrete pad and propane powered generator; a 5 x 12-foot concrete pad and 500-gallon propane tank; a trench, measuring 10 feet in length and 30 inches in depth, necessary to adjoin the propane source and generator; and a main meter panel to operate the backup power system. The propane powered generator will provide electrical service to the fire station in the event of an emergency power outage.

Ground disturbance and excavation activities will be conducted by hand, with an excavator and/or small backhoe, or a combination of methods. The project is anticipated to take approximately one week to complete.

## EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: 15303 New Construction of Small Structure Class 3(d)
  - Statutory Exemption (state code section):
  - Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
  - Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
  - Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
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## REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of 14 CCR §15303; New Construction of Small Structure. The newly installed cement pads will be installed at previously cleared and disturbed locations and will serve to provide backup power to the CAL FIRE station, to provide proper emergency response during power outages.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 785 Mountain Ranch Rd. San Andreas, California 95249.

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Date