
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: September 9, 2021

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement — NAPA COUNTY**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement (Proposed Project). CAL FIRE has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) Headquarters and St. Helena Forest Fire Station are located on the east and west sides of State Route (SR) 29 at 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena (east site) and 3535 St. Helena Highway, Calistoga (west site), respectively, Napa County, California. The west site is approximately 6.5 acres and the east site is approximately 5.4 acres. The sites are used in conjunction by CAL FIRE as a fire base.

Project Description: The Project will include, but not be limited to, a new 10,570 square foot (sf) auto shop, 7,200 sf warehouse, 1,700 sf covered vehicle wash rack, 1,400 sf covered pump test pit, 1,000 sf generator and fire pump building, 200,000-gallon fire water tank, and 1,000-gallon gas and 1,500-gallon diesel fuel vaults. The square footages stated above are approximate. The former auto shop was destroyed in an internal fire in 2019. The existing warehouse, tire shop, three sheds, and former auto shop concrete slab would be demolished to make room for the new auto shop, which would be larger than the previous one. The structures to be demolished are all located on the west site. The existing fuel vaults would also be demolished and replaced with new vaults of the same size.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, CAL FIRE acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Per the State Water Resources Control Board Cortese List, the east site had a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) case closed in 1996 and the west site had a LUST case closed in 2012. Both cases were due to gasoline leaks but have since been resolved.

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting September 9, 2021 and ending October 11, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<http://www.ecorpc consulting.com/docs/cal-fire-st-helena>

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Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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