



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE | NEU Columbia Hill Septic Repair 2022 | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | CAL FIRE NEU Station 42-Loma Rica 19076 Tyler Foot Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959 | COUNTY | Nevada |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2021 the station's septic system failed via a broken/clogged leach field and has since been pumped regularly via private contractor. CAL FIRE Engineering has deemed that only the leach field has failed and that a new leach field should be installed to repair the station's septic issue. The proposed new leach field would be a conventional system using 4-inch perforated drainpipe laid in gravel filled trenches and topped with soil. Trenches for leach field are to be 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep, and span up to a total of 600 lineal feet. Trenches will be dug in the northern section of the parcel and span northeastern and terminate. Area where ground is to be dug up is mostly disturbed and/or developed land. No concrete will need to be cut or removed to perform septic repair.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 §15301 Existing Facilities
§15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- 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))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of two classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). All project activities will occur within previously disturbed areas. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which 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/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire risks. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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