



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Highway 41 Training Burn Extension		
PROJECT LOCATION	Eastern shoulder from Madera Canal to Avenue 15 Portions of Sec. 16 T11S R20E MDB&M	COUNTY	Madera
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is proposing to extend the Highway 41 training burn. This extension continues south along Highway 41 from the Madera Canal to Avenue 15, approximately 0.7 miles on 2 acres of grassland. This area has been prone to frequent wildland fires. Implementation would be after grass fuels cure, but prior to peak fire season (May or June). Holding lines are existing road shoulders, disc lines that ranchers maintain annually, and handline construction. Routine fire control training activities would include various hand firing devices in the designated burn blocks, mobile attack along existing service road, and progressive hose lay operations while in a controlled environment. All burning will be performed in accordance with terms and conditions of a burn permit issued by the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District. Annual burns at this location are anticipated.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 4, §15304(e): Minor Alteration to the 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 Class 4, §15304(e): Minor Alteration to the Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Class 4 includes minor public or private alterations in the conditions of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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, 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 or traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mariposa Headquarters at 5366 State Highway 49 North, Mariposa CA 95338.

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