



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	South Lake Tahoe Property Acquisition		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	1520 Sawmill Road, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150	<b>COUNTY</b>	El Dorado
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of acquiring approximately 16 acres in El Dorado County. The land acquisition will transfer ownership interests of land from the private ownership to the State of California under the jurisdiction of CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE is considering locating a new fire station on the property. CAL FIRE has not approved any development or use of the project site. Future actions, including development of the property, will undergo complete environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Common Sense Exemption §15061(b)(3)  
 Categorical Exemption  
 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

The acquisition activity is exempt under the common sense exemption at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). This exemption states, a project is exempt from CEQA "[w]here it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15004, Subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, "agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance."

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