



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	TCU Groveland Fire Station Waterline Replacement Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	11700 Merrell Road, Groveland, CA 95321	COUNTY	Tuolumne
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to replace deteriorated waterlines at the Groveland B Fire Station near the community of Groveland, the facility requires the lines be replaced. The proposed project will consist of digging two trenches with a backhoe, excavator, or trencher to connect the existing line at the pump house to the fire station. Trenches will be 18-inches wide, three feet deep and will be approximately 140 feet in total length. The project area is relatively flat and has previously been developed. The approximate time frame to complete the project is one week.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 2-15302(c) Replacement or Reconstruction and Class 4-15304 – 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 14 CCR15304- Minor Alterations to Land. The waterline replacement will occur in a previously disturbed area and will provide necessary infrastructure for the fire station. The project is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts on biological resources or surface waters of the state. A CAL FIRE State Archaeologist was consulted, and the project will not have any adverse impacts to cultural resources.

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/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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas at the address listed above.

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