

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Arnold Fire Station PG&E Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	2517 State Highway 4., Arnold, CA 95223	<b>COUNTY</b>	Calaveras
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

In coordination with CAL FIRE, PG&E proposes to underground the power line located on 2517 Hwy 4. The CAL FIRE parcel is a mix of mixed conifer and urban environment, including buildings to support CalFire activities, as well as landscaped and natural vegetation. Within CAL FIRE property, PG&E will underground approximately 0.10 miles of electric distribution facilities, replace approximately 385 feet of existing underground conductor, and remove approximately 0.22 mile of overhead service line and associated distribution poles, anchors, and hardware. Trenching for the new underground conductor will follow a new alignment, be no more than 2 feet wide, and may be as narrow as 7 inches, with a depth of 3 to 4 feet. The PG&E electric facilities will consist of underground conduit for electric distribution lines and associated boxes. A pad-mounted transformer, pad-mounted interrupter, and retaining wall will be installed. Two Cedar trees and 10 units of brush will be removed as part of the project work occurring on or proximal to land managed by CAL FIRE.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption §15304 Minor Alterations to Land;  
Class 4
- 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 project is consistent with the Class 4 Categorical Exemption, Title 14 CCR§15304, Alterations to Land. Class 4 (f) which consists of minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

CAL FIRE staff 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 wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE office located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, California 95811.

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