

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	NEU Smartsville Septic Repair 2024		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE NEU Station 40-Smartsville 8839 Highway 20, Smartsville, CA 95977	COUNTY	Yuba
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project activities include the replacement of the septic system for the NEU Station 40-Smartsville state property. A new 5000-gallon micro-dose septic system with effluent pump and leach field will be installed along with corresponding electrical and septic tight line connecting north to the fire station. Trenching and pipe jacking from new septic tank to station sewer line and leach field will be required, with two manholes installed for future access. Leach field will require approximately 8,100 feet of trenching and will be backfilled after installation. One gravel road to facilitate construction access and future system maintenance will be installed from Hammonton Smartsville Road to the septic tank location. Less than one acre of soil will be disrupted for all project work. Trenched areas will be backfilled to original grade and no change in drainage pattern will occur.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 2, 3, and 4
 - §15301 Existing Facilities
 - §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
 - §15303 New Construction
 - §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 four classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Class 3 (New Construction) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Most 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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