



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mattole Forest Fire Station Water Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Mattole FFS 44056 Mattole Road Honeydew, CA 95571	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will involve installing one new 10,000 gallon water tank on state property. Minor trenching and backfilling will be required to repair existing pipes and/or install new pipes from the well to the new water tank. The trenching will be done with the aid of a small dozer or trenching machine or by hand. A new 10,000 gallon pour in place cement tank will be installed. Minor grading and clearing will take place for tank placement. The access road into the area will be reconstructed on an existing road prism that will need only minor regarding to set the water tank in place. The approach to the road off an existing permanent rock road will need to be ramped down onto by adding 80 yards of crushed rock to prevent any slippage off of the permanent road. During the work required to install the water tank, and repair associated water pipes, less than 1 acre of soil will be disrupted. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, §15301 Existing Facilities
3, and 4 §15303 (e) New Construction
§15304 (f) 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 three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3 (New Construction of Small Structure), and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDDB searches, and an archaeological assessment completed by CAL FIRE archaeologist on June 2, 2016. Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited in nature and include and are best described as minor in scope. 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, 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, or utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the department is kept on file at HUU HQ at 118 Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna CA 95540.

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