



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Cathay's Valley Forest Fire Station - Water Tank Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE's Cathay's Valley Forest Fire Station 2203 CA Highway 140 Cathay's Valley, CA 95306	COUNTY	Mariposa
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 and a new pump house, next to the existing tank. The existing water pipes running from the well will be repaired or replaced. A small accessory cement pad may be poured for the tank and pump house. During the work required to install the water tanks and repair the associated water pipes, less than 1 acre of soil will be disrupted. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3, §15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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 the Categorical Exemption to CEQA: Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited 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, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the address listed above at CAL FIRE's MMU Headquarters in Mariposa Ca.

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Christopher E. Browder, Deputy Chief Date 1-8-16
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