



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bear Creek FFS Water Tank		
PROJECT LOCATION	Bear Creek FFS T20S, R29E, Sec 14. MDBM	COUNTY	Tulare
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A 10,000 gal concrete fire suppression tank will be constructed on an existing developed site located at 39582 Balch Park Road, Springville, CA, 93265 (Bear Creek Forest Fire Station). This tank will be for fire emergency and used as a water source. Currently there are no feasible water sources in the area. Water is in short supply due to the extended drought. The tank will be initially filled from water tenders (water truck). An evaporation valve will be installed, and minor fills due to evaporation will come from the station well. However, large replenishment will come from water tenders. A 20' X 20' pad shall be graded and leveled by hand using fire crews. A concrete tank and fittings will be constructed in place. Minimal site disturbance will occur in trenching for the footing of the tank. One cement truck for approximately 3-4 separate days will be used to supply the needed concrete. Annual grasses occupy the current location.

EXEMPTION STATUS

Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14 CCR §15303 – New Construction of Small Structures

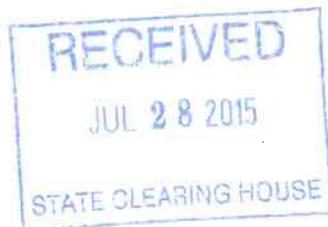
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project consists of constructing a 10,000 gal. water tank that will be used for fire suppression. This project is intended to mitigate the drought impact in the area and to provide a water source during a fire emergency.

The project meets the Categorical Exemption as described under 14CCR§15303 New Construction of Small Structures. Biological, archeological and field reviews have been conducted for this project. No known species of concern were identified within or adjacent to the project area. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff 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 and traffic, or utilities and service systems.

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