



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Fowler Peak FLS/COM - Generator Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	T2N, R13E, Section 18 MDBM, 4 miles southwest of Angels Camp	<b>COUNTY</b>	Calaveras
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project area is approximately four miles southeast of Angels Camp City, in Calaveras County. The project area is approximately 1/5 acres in size and located at the top of a flat rocky peak. Vegetation consists primarily of scattered oaks, grass and brush. The project area has been highly disturbed due to the installation of the Fowler Peak lookout/repeater. The project involves the removal of the old repeater building, construction of a 10'x 18' generator building that will house a new generator, installation of a propane tank, and associated connecting lines. The new generator will ensure a constant supply of power to the repeater in the event that the main power supply provided by PE&E is interrupted. The new generator is critical to maintaining an uninterrupted power supply for emergency communications for several agencies which include the California Highway Patrol, Calaveras County Sheriff Department, California Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and CAL FIRE.

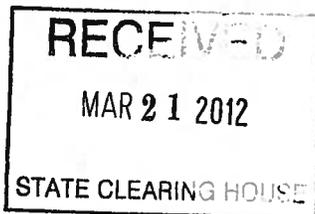
**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: 15303, Class 3 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**

This project fits under the definition for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption authorized in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Section 15303) pertaining to the construction of new small structures. A check of the CNDDDB did not reveal the presence of any plant or animal species likely to be adversely impacted by the project. The project area was reviewed by a professional archaeologist, who concluded that no cultural resources would be impacted. Additional field review by CAL FIRE Resource Management 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 Tuolumne Calaveras Headquarters in San Andreas.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date  
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