



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Grass Valley Airbase Retardant Plant Upgrade

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**PROJECT LOCATION** Grass Valley Air Attack Base  
 13120 Loma Rica Rd.  
 Grass Valley, Ca 95945

**COUNTY** Nevada

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**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of replacing and reconstructing a 63' x 76' sq ft concrete slab. The new slab will replace the current concrete slab that is used to support the Grass Valley Air Attack Base fire retardant mixing and storage plant. The new slab will be surrounded by a short concrete retaining wall, less than 12 inches, as a means for a secondary containment system. The slab will cover the same footprint of the old slab and will have the same purpose as the structure replaced.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 2 & 7
  - §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
  - §15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
- 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**

**14CCR§15302, Replacement or Reconstruction:** replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**14CCR§15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources:** The project will facilitate fire suppression air attack operations directly responsible for the protection of California's natural resources.

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 CALFIRE's NEU Headquarter in Auburn.

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