



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	CAL FIRE Grass Valley Air Attack Base Underground Facilities Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Grass Valley AAB	<b>COUNTY</b>	Nevada
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of trenching 2,000 lineal feet by up to 48 inches wide, within a 500-foot by 300-foot area within the Nevada County airport, for repair and replacement of underground plumbing and utilities. Asphalt or concrete will be saw cut and removed to allow excavation with a backhoe. Excavation may occur up to 48 inches deep. All material removed will be placed and treated on site of the airport and contained in a manner that prevents any erosion leaving the immediate placement site. Underground assets will be placed, soil or gravel backfilled, and material compacted. Concrete, asphalt or grass will be re-established on the sites that were removed to bring site to original visual appeal. The entire airbase will be re-sealed and repainted including parking areas for vehicles and aircraft. All sidewalks, drainage ways and driveways will be repaired with the best available material. Site maintenance, including pipe repair, surface sealant repairs, painting and improvements may require additional cutting, trenching, and patching for repair and replacement within the project boundary. Equipment that will be needed to perform this work will include a backhoe, pavement saw, jack hammer, concrete delivery trucks and additional construction personnel vehicles. Project work will take place between the months of January and June and involve approximately five weeks of on the ground activity.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 2 15302 Replacement Reconstruction
- 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 qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA 15302, Class 2 which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. All work will be completed within an active air attack base and consists of work that would replace existing utilities and improve operations. After completing an environmental assessment, the department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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