



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE High Rock Conservation Camp Water Project

PROJECT LOCATION High Rock Conservation Camp
23322 Ave. of the Giants,
Weott, CA 95571

COUNTY Humboldt

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 60,000-80,000 gallon water tank on state property with the associated supply lines. Minor trenching and backfilling will be required to repair existing pipes and/or install new pipes from the well to the new water tank. A concrete pad for the new tank will be constructed in the same area as the existing pad but the area will need to be increased in size due to the seismic restrictions of the new tank. The existing area will need to be enlarged from its current configuration to hold the larger bolt together tank. No timberland conversion will occur as a result of the project. During the work required to install the water tank, build the structure, and repair associated water pipes, less than 1 acre of soil will be disrupted. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any changes in drainage patterns or erosion.

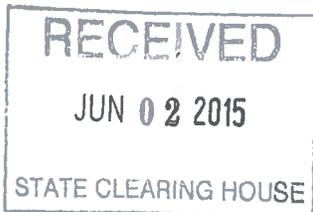
EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 1, §15301 Existing Facilities
3, and 4 §15303 (e) New Construction
§15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 of three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3, (New Construction) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground-disturbing activities will occur are minor in scope and include trenching and grading for the cement pad expansion. 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 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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the address noted on page one.

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