NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Miramonte Conservation Camp Well Installation Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Miramonte Conservation Camp	**COUNTY**	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves drilling a new domestic water well, pump and hardware installation, and minor underground electrical and plumbing work within the Miramonte Conservation Camp property. The project is located in a rural area with scattered rural residences. The intent is to place the new well as close to the existing well as feasible. The existing well is drying up and in danger of no longer being able to support the domestic needs of the camp. The existing well is located just south of the main cluster of buildings shown on the project area map, west of the paved road, and across from the sewage disposal ponds. A majority of the ground area in and around the existing Miramonte Conservation Camp infrastructure is highly disturbed. This less than one-acre project will involve the use of a heavy well drilling truck, minor trenching to bury electrical and plumbing appurtenances, minor grading of the drilling site, and potential construction of a small structure to protect exposed infrastructure and associated tank.

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Categorical Exemption — Type/Section: Class 3 New Construction of Small Structures. §15303

☐ 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 within the Class 3 Categorical Exemptions described in state law (14 CCR Section 15303) pertaining to new construction of small structures, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. 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/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. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the address noted above.

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