NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Saratoga Summit Leach Field Test Pits Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	T8S, R2W, Section 6, MDMB	**COUNTY**	Santa Cruz
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will consist of a septic leach field soil investigation on property adjacent to CAL FIRE Saratoga Summit Forest Fire Station on land owned by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. The work will include digging one trench with a backhoe with approximate dimensions of 24 inches wide by 10 feet long by 8 feet deep. This ditch will be roughly 692 feet from the Saratoga Summit Fire Station. The trench will be back filled the same day it is created and the area restored to its original condition as much as possible. No trees will be removed for the excavation. The project is planned to take place during the winter or spring of 2015, weather permitting.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 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

The work proposed is a minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored and is consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land. No activity is proposed that is listed as a limitation under CCR 15300.2 (a-f).

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 San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.

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