



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Saratoga Summit Forest Fire Station Waterline Replacement Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	T8S, R2W, Section 6, MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	Santa Cruz
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project will replace approximately 500 feet of waterline from two tanks located approximately 400 feet to the north of the Saratoga Summit Forest Fire Station. A trench from each tank will be excavated to a meeting point approximately 60 feet below the tanks where the two lines will join. At this point a single trench will be excavated along the remaining distance, tying into the water supply lines of the station located near the gas pumps. The trenches will be approximately 18-24 inches wide and 24 inches deep; excavated primarily with a backhoe but supplemented by CAL FIRE hand crews as needed. The excavated areas will be in or near the footprint of the existing lines. The project is planned to take place during September and October of 2012. Backfill of the trenches will occur upon replacement of the waterlines.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: **Class 2 & 4** ~~§15302 Replacement or Reconstruction & §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**

This project is consistent with the Class 2 Categorical Exemption (Title 14 CCR §15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction.) and Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Title 14 CCR §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.) These exemptions includes projects that consist of, but are not limited to “Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity” and “Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.” Field review by CAL FIRE staff, or their designee, 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 any of the subject resource contained in the checklist above as a result of implementing this project as described. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 HWY 9, Felton, California 95018.

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 William E. Snyder, Deputy Director California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	9/28/12 Date
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