



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	CAL FIRE Smartsville Fire Station Septic System Clearing for Cadastral Survey		
PROJECT LOCATION	Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Smartsville Fire Station	COUNTY	Yuba
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of mechanical mastication, hand cutting, and mulching of blackberries, brush and trees (less than 4" DBH) to maintain the existing septic site and allow survey of the location and design of a new future septic system. Mastication will occur with a low ground pressure mini masticator on rubber tracks. Surface soils will not be excavated, and disturbance will be limited to rotation of the tracked machine upon mowed vegetation. The area of the mastication is 1.72 acres upon the existing buried septic leach field. Additionally, two linear pathways will be cleared with the length of cut up to 750 lineal feet and 24 feet wide, a total of 18,000 square feet of vegetation removal by hand with no ground disturbance (approximately 0.42 acres).

The property abuts the Highway 20 right of way which was recently and significantly disturbed by highway widening. Total operating timeframe is 24 hours over three days. All vegetation removed will be mulched on site by lopping. Work is proposed to occur between filing date and October 1, 2020.

EXEMPTION STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | Type/Section: Class 4 | Section 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption (state code section): | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | | |

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). 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 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 the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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