

FINAL

Initial Study and Mitigated
Negative Declaration
for the
CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and
Warehouse Replacement Project

CEQA Lead Agency:



California Department of Forestry
and Fire Protection

Prepared for:

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INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND
RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:**FROM:**

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street
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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement

State Clearinghouse Number**Contact Person****Telephone Number**

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Mr. Dakota Smith

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Project Approval

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement on September 19, 2022.

Project Location

The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) Headquarters and St. Helena Forest Fire Station are located on the east and west sides of State Route (SR) 29 at 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena (east site) and 3535 St. Helena Highway, Calistoga (west site), respectively, Napa County, California. The west site is approximately 6.5 acres and the east site is approximately 5.4 acres. The sites are used in conjunction by CAL FIRE as a fire base.

Project Description

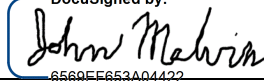
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CAL FIRE, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described Project and has made the following determinations:

- There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;
- In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted by CAL FIRE, which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the Department of General Services, Real Estate Services Division, 707 3rd Street, Fourth Floor, West Sacramento, California, 95605. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the CAL FIRE;
- Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project;
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project; and
- A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration including comments and responses, the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, and record of Project approval is available to the general public at: Department of General Services, Real Estate Services Division, 707 3rd Street, Fourth Floor, West Sacramento, California, 95605.

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Signature

Date

John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director
Resource Protection & Improvement
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
CAL FIRE ST. HELENA AUTO SHOP AND WAREHOUSE REPLACEMENT

Lead Agency: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Project Proponent: California Department of General Services (DGS) – Real Estate Services Division

Project Location:

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Project Description:

The Project will include, but not be limited to, a new 10,570 square foot (sf) auto shop, 7,200 sf warehouse, 1,700 sf covered vehicle wash rack, 1,400 sf covered pump test pit, 1,000 sf generator and fire pump building, 200,000-gallon fire water tank, and 1,000-gallon gas and 1,500-gallon diesel fuel vaults. The square footages stated above are approximate. The former auto shop was destroyed in an internal fire in 2019. The existing warehouse, tire shop, three sheds, and former auto shop concrete slab would be demolished to make room for the new auto shop, which would be larger than the previous one. The structures to be demolished are all located on the west site. The existing fuel vaults would also be demolished and replaced with new vaults of the same size.

Finding:

Based on the information contained in the attached Initial Study, CAL FIRE finds that there would not be a significant effect to the environment because the mitigation measures described herein would be incorporated as part of the Proposed Project.

Public Review Period: September 9, 2021 – October 11, 2021

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Mitigation Measures Incorporated into the Project to Avoid Significant Effects

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

There is potential or low potential for 23 special-status plants to occur within the ruderal/burned portion of the Study Area. The following measures are recommended to minimize potential impacts to special-status plants:

PLANT-1: Special-Status Plant Surveys

- Perform floristic plant surveys within the Project footprint where there is potential habitat for special-status plants (i.e., ruderal/burned remnants of the Douglas fir forest and woodland habitat). The survey should be performed prior to construction according to USFWS, CDFW, and CNPS protocols. Surveys should be conducted by a qualified biologist and timed according to the appropriate phenological stage for identifying target species. Known reference populations should be visited or local herbaria records should be reviewed, if available, prior to surveys to confirm the phenological stage of the target species. If no special-status plants are found within the Project site, no further measures pertaining to special-status plants are necessary.

If special-status plants are identified within 25 feet of the Project footprint, implement the following measures:

PLANT-2: Special-Status Plant Avoidance

- If avoidance of special-status plants is feasible, establish and clearly demarcate avoidance zones for special-status plant occurrences prior to construction. Avoidance zones should include the extent of the special-status plants plus a 25-foot buffer, unless otherwise determined by a qualified biologist, and should be maintained until the completion of construction. A qualified biologist/biological monitor should be present must occur within the avoidance buffer to ensure special-status plants are not impacted by the work.
- If avoidance of special-status plants is not feasible, mitigate for significant impacts to special-status plants. Mitigation measures should be developed in consultation with CDFW. Mitigation measures may include permanent preservation of onsite or offsite habitat for special-status plants or translocation of plants or seeds from impacted areas to unaffected habitats.

For Project activities with potential to affect active nests of special-status birds and birds protected under the MBTA, the following measures are recommended to prevent potential impacts to active raptor nests.

BIRD-1: Special-Status Bird Surveys

- If construction is to occur during the nesting season (generally February 1 through August 31), conduct a preconstruction nesting bird survey of all suitable nesting habitat on the Project within 14 days of the commencement of construction. The survey shall be

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conducted within the Project footprint and all accessible areas within a 100-foot radius. If any active nests are observed, these nests shall be designated a sensitive area and protected by an avoidance buffer established by a qualified biologist in coordination with CDFW until the breeding season has ended or until a qualified biologist has determined that the young have fledged and are no longer reliant upon the nest or parental care for survival. Preconstruction nesting surveys are not required for construction activity outside the nesting season.

There is potential for two special-status bats to occur within the Study Area, and some potentially suitable roosting habitat within the Study Area may be impacted. The following measure is recommended to minimize potential impacts to special-status bats.

BAT-1: Special-Status Bat Surveys

- Within 14 days prior to Project activities that may impact bat roosting habitat (e.g., removal of manmade structures or trees), a qualified biologist will survey for all suitable roosting habitat within the Project impact limits. If suitable roosting habitat is not identified, no further measures are necessary. If suitable roosting habitat is identified, a qualified biologist will conduct an evening bat emergence survey that may include acoustic monitoring to determine whether or not bats are present. If roosting bats are determined to be present within the Project site, consultation with CDFW prior to initiation of construction activities or preparation of a Bat Management Plan outlining avoidance and minimization measures specific to the roost(s) potentially affected shall be developed and implemented.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

CUL-1: Construction Monitoring

- All ground-disturbing activities should be monitored by one qualified professional archaeologist who meets, or works under the direct supervision of someone who meets, the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology. The requirement for archaeological monitoring should be inclusive of all-day and night construction activity that has a potential to result in ground disturbance. A tribal monitor will also be present as per **TCR-1**. The archaeological monitor will consult with the CAL FIRE archaeologist over the duration of monitoring.
- "Ground-disturbing activity" is defined herein as any activities that have the potential to disturb soil beyond that which was reasonably visible to archaeologists during the pre-project pedestrian survey. This includes initial vegetation removal; grading; trenching; pile-driving, if such activity will bring soil to the surface; excavation for below-ground utility installation or foundation work; and any other below-ground activities.
- Prior to construction, the consulting archaeologist shall develop an Archaeological Monitoring Plan that outlines their protocols and procedures for archaeological

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monitoring during construction. The CAL FIRE Cultural Resource Department will review and approve this plan prior to any construction related activities associated with the project.

- Archaeological monitoring will ensure that any encountered archaeological deposits are recognized immediately so that DGS and CAL FIRE can consult on appropriate treatment. Monitoring is not necessary for backfilling of previously excavated areas, or any Project activity that does not have potential to impact the building buildings of the St. Helena Forest Fire Station. The monitoring should be documented in a Project monitoring report submitted by the monitoring archaeologist at the conclusion of monitoring activities for the Project.
- No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the archaeological monitor of the construction schedule.
- This mitigation measure shall be followed in conjunction with Mitigation Measure **TCR-1**.

CUL-2: Unanticipated Discovery

If subsurface deposits believed to be cultural or human in origin are discovered during construction, all work must halt within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. The on-site qualified professional archaeological monitor shall evaluate the significance of the find, in coordination with the on-site Tribal monitor, and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find:

- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does not represent a cultural resource, work may resume immediately and no agency notifications are required. However, if the tribal monitor finds it to be a tribal cultural resource, procedures set forth in mitigation measure TCR-2 shall be followed.
- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does represent a cultural resource from any time period or cultural affiliation, he or she shall immediately notify CAL FIRE, DGS, and the lead federal agency. The agencies shall consult on a finding of eligibility and implement appropriate treatment measures if the find is determined to be a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the site either: 1) is not a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.
- If the find represents a Native American or potentially Native American resource that does not include human remains, the archaeologist shall notify the onsite tribal monitor. The archaeologist, tribal monitor, DGS, and CALFIRE will consult on appropriate

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treatment. Preservation in place is the preferred treatment, if feasible. This process shall be followed in conjunction with procedures set forth in mitigation measure **TCR-2**.

- If the find includes human remains, or remains that are potentially human, they shall ensure reasonable protection measures are taken to protect the discovery from disturbance (AB 2641). The archaeologist shall notify the Napa County Coroner (per § 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The provisions of Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, § 5097.98 of the California PRC, and AB 2641 will be implemented. If the Coroner determines the remains are Native American and not the result of a crime scene, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which then will designate a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for the Project (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). The designated MLD will have 48 hours from the time access to the property is granted to make recommendations concerning treatment of the remains. If the landowner does not agree with the recommendations of the MLD, the NAHC can mediate (§ 5097.94 of the PRC). If no agreement is reached, the landowner must rebury the remains where they will not be further disturbed (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). This will also include either recording the site with the NAHC or the appropriate Information Center; using an open space or conservation zoning designation or easement; or recording a reinternment document with the county in which the property is located (AB 2641). Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.
- Should any ground-disturbing activities take place as part of the proposed Project within the State ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and Caltrans Standard Environmental reference Chapter 2, the Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies shall be immediately contacted at 510-504-1937 to determine the significance of the find.
- This mitigation measure shall be implemented in conjunction with mitigation measure **TCR-2**.

GEOLOGY AND SOILS

GEO-1: Monitoring of Earth-Disturbing Activity and Discovery of Unknown Paleontological Resources

- Because any Project-related construction activities that excavate previously undisturbed tuff could impact significant paleontological resources, paleontological monitoring of all onsite earth-disturbing activities shall occur. Should any bones, teeth, or unusually abundant and well-preserved leaves be unearthed, the construction crew should not attempt to remove them, as they could be extremely fragile and therefore prone to crumbling and their *in situ* position needs to be properly recorded. Instead, all work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery should be diverted at least 15 feet away from the

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find until it is assessed by a professional paleontologist, and, if deemed significant, salvaged in a timely manner. All recovered fossils should be deposited in an appropriate repository, such as the UCMP, where they will be properly curated and made accessible for future study.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

HAZ-1: Hazardous Materials Survey Compliance

- The proposed Project shall comply with all recommendations outlined in the *Hazardous Materials Survey*, as well as CARB's ATCM for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations and Cal/OSHA guidelines. Prior to commencement of grading, the CUPA shall sign off on a field sampling plan for additional soil sampling to further characterize arsenic in the soil. Following results of the sampling, a Soil Management Plan shall be prepared discussing a plan for handling of the soil during construction and proper disposal of the material in compliance with federal and State law and to protect the health and safety of construction workers and future workers over the long term. A copy of the results of the additional soil sampling and a copy of the Soil Management Plan shall be submitted to the CUPA for sign off and approval prior to commencement of grading activities or construction of foundations or structures for the Project.

NOISE

NOI-1: Construction Equipment Hours

- The use of all heavy-duty construction equipment and all Project material deliveries shall be prohibited during all Project construction occurring between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

TCR-1: Tribal Monitoring

- All ground-disturbing activities should be monitored by one tribal monitor from one culturally-affiliated tribe (selected in consultation with the lead agencies), along with the archaeological monitor, as per **CUL-1**. The requirement for tribal monitoring should be inclusive of all-day and night construction activity that has a potential to result in ground disturbance. The on-site tribal monitor may be present for all ground disturbing activities at the tribal monitor's discretion.
- "Ground-disturbing activity" is defined herein as any activities that have the potential to disturb soil beyond that which was reasonably visible to archaeologists during the pre-project pedestrian survey. This includes initial vegetation removal; grading; trenching; pile-driving, if such activity will bring soil to the surface; excavation for below-ground utility installation or foundation work; and any other below-ground activities.
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appropriate treatment. Monitoring is not necessary for backfilling of previously excavated areas, or for any above-ground Project activity that does not include ground disturbance. The tribal monitor shall send a written confirmation to DGS at the conclusion of tribal monitoring activities for the Project that indicates that all tribal monitoring has been completed.

- No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the culturally affiliated tribe of the construction schedule. Should the culturally affiliated tribe choose not to provide a tribal monitor, or if the monitor does not report to the Project location at the scheduled time, work may proceed without a monitor as long as the notification was made and documented. This mitigation measure shall be followed in conjunction with mitigation measure **CUL-1**.

TCR-2: Unanticipated Discoveries

- If subsurface deposits representing a Native American or potentially Native American resource that does not include human remains, the on-site tribal monitor will determine, in consultation with tribal representatives, whether the find represents a Tribal Cultural Resource. If the find is determined to be a tribal cultural resource, the tribal monitor will notify DGS and CAL FIRE. The agencies shall consult with the tribes on appropriate treatment measures. Preservation in place is the preferred treatment, if feasible. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the site either: 1) is not a Tribal Cultural Resource or a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction. This mitigation measure shall be implemented in conjunction with Mitigation Measure **CUL-1**.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) including the Responses to Comments and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement. It has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resource Code Section 21000 et. seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) as amended. This Final IS/MND and Responses to Comments document supplements and updates the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) released for public review on September 9, 2021.

CAL FIRE is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. On September 9, 2021, CAL FIRE distributed the Draft IS/MND for the proposed Project to public agencies and the general public for review and comment. In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, a 30-day review period, which ended on October 11, 2021, was completed. During the public review period, one (1) comment letter on the Draft IS/MND was received from interested parties.

This Final IS/MND and Responses to Comments document is organized as follows:

- Section 1.0 provides a discussion of the purpose of the document and discusses the structure of the document;
- Section 2.0 contains a summary of the Project Description, a description of minor changes to the Project Description and a discussion regarding why these changes do not require recirculation of the Draft IS/MND;
- Section 3.0 includes the comment letters received and responses to these comments;
- Section 4.0 includes corrections and revisions made to the Draft IS/MND in response to comments;
- Section 5.0 includes the Proposed Project's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6; and
- Section 6.0 includes the Notice of Intent, Proof of Publication, Environmental Filing Receipt, and the Draft IS/MND.

This Final MND document and the Draft IS/MND together constitute the environmental document for the proposed Project. As a result of comments received on the Draft IS/MND, minor revisions were required to the Draft IS/MND text, however, there were no substantial revisions that would require recirculation of the document. A substantial revision according to Section 15073.5 of the *2021 CEQA Statute Guidelines* shall mean:

“(1) A new, avoidable significant effect is identified and mitigation measures or project revisions must be added in order to reduce the effect to insignificance, or

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- (2) The lead agency determines that the proposed mitigation measures or project revisions will not reduce potential effects to less than significance and new measures or revisions must be required.”

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2.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

2.1 Project Location

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) Headquarters and St. Helena Forest Fire Station are located on the east and west sides of State Route (SR) 29 at 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena (east site) and 3535 St. Helena Highway, Calistoga (west site), respectively, Napa County, California. The west site is approximately 6.5 acres and the east site is approximately 5.4 acres. The sites are used in conjunction by CAL FIRE as a fire base.

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The Project will include, but not be limited to, a new 10,570 square foot (sf) auto shop, 7,200 sf warehouse, 1,700 sf covered vehicle wash rack, 1,400 sf covered pump test pit, 1,000 sf generator and fire pump building, 200,000-gallon fire water tank, and 1,000-gallon gas and 1,500-gallon diesel fuel vaults. The square footages stated above are approximate. The former auto shop was destroyed in an internal fire in 2019. The existing warehouse, tire shop, three sheds, and former auto shop concrete slab would be demolished to make room for the new auto shop, which would be larger than the previous one. The structures to be demolished are all located on the west site. The existing fuel vaults would also be demolished and replaced with new vaults of the same size.

2.3 Decision Not to Recirculate Draft MND

After the completion of the public/agency comment period for the Draft IS/MND, minor changes were made to sections of the IS/MND. These revisions do not meet the criteria for recirculation of the MND prior to adoption as outlined in Section 15073.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines. According to the Guidelines "A lead agency is required to recirculate a negative declaration when the document must be substantially revised after public notice of its availability has been given pursuant to Section 15072 but prior to its adoption."

The revisions proposed in this Final MND do not meet the criteria for recirculation provided in Section 15073.5 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines. These criteria are provided below, along with an explanation regarding the reasons why the changes to the IS/MND do not require recirculation.

Recirculation is not required under the following circumstances:

- (1) Mitigation measures are replaced with equal or more effective measures pursuant to Section 15074.1.
 - a. *No mitigation measures have been replaced. However, Mitigation Measure **CUL-1** was revised to include an Archaeological Monitoring Plan*
 - b. *Mitigation Measure **CUL-2** was revised to clarify procedures for inadvertent archaeological discoveries within the Caltrans ROW.*
 - c. *Mitigation Measure **TCR-1** was revised to clarify the on-site tribal monitor may be present for all ground disturbing activities at the tribal monitor's discretion.*

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- (2) New Project revisions are added in response to written or verbal comments on the Project's effects identified in the proposed negative declaration which are not new avoidable significant effects.
 - a. *No revisions to the Project as described in the Draft IS/MND have been made.*
- (3) Measures or conditions of Project approval are added after circulation of the negative declaration, which is not required by CEQA, which do not create new significant environmental effects, and are not necessary to mitigate an avoidable significant effect.
 - a. *As discussed above, minor revisions to Mitigation Measures **CUL-1**, **CUL-2**, and **TCR-1** have been incorporated. However, no new mitigation measures or conditions have been added.*
- (4) New information is added to the negative declaration which merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the negative declaration.
 - a. *Mitigation Measure revisions only serve to clarify agency requirements and do not require recirculation.*
 - b. *CAL FIRE made minor revisions to the Cultural Resources Inventory and Architectural History Evaluation Report (Appendix C of the Draft IS/MND), but those revisions did not alter or otherwise affect conclusions about impacts to cultural resources or tribal cultural resources as determined in the Draft IS/MND. Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, which is restricted from public distribution by state and federal law, the revised cultural resources report is not included with the Final IS/MND; however, a redacted version of the revised cultural resources report that does not include site records or locations may be obtained by contacting DGS.*

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3.0 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

This section of the document contains copies of the comment letters received during the 30-day public review period, which began on September 9, 2021, and ended on October 11, 2021. In conformance with Section 15088(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, CAL FIRE has considered comments on environmental issues from reviewers of the Draft IS/MND and has prepared written responses. One (1) letter was received via email, commenting on the Draft IS/MND. This letter, and the responses to the comments contained in the letter are provided in this section.

A list of public agencies, organizations, and individuals that provided comments on the Draft IS/MND is presented below. The letter and responses to comments follow this page.

3.1 List of Comment Letters

Letter Number	Sender	Date Received
1	Mark Leong, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	October 8, 2021

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3.2 Letter 1 (Caltrans) – Mark Leong, District Branch Chief, California Department of Transportation, received October 8, 2010

CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

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Re: CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Dear Dakota Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the September 2021 Draft IS/MND.

1-1

Project Understanding

The proposed project will include, but are not limited to, a new 10,570-square-foot (s.f.) auto shop, 7,200 s.f. warehouse, 1,700 s.f. covered vehicle wash rack, 1,400 s.f. covered pump test pit, 1,000 s.f. generator and fire pump building, 200,000-gallon fire water tank, and 1,000-gallon gas and 1,500-gallon diesel fuel vaults. The project site is located directly adjacent to State Route (SR)-29. This project will need a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit to install separate fire water, potable water, and utility water lines under SR-29.

1-2

Project Design

Please provide the jack and bore elevation plans for the pipe installation to specify the size, depth, and limits of the pipe installation to verify clearance from the roadway structure. The jack and bore plans including soil report, gassy/non-gassy classification needs to be reviewed by the Office of Geotechnical Engineering, with a copy of the report sent to the Office of Materials.

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- 1-3** As per Caltrans as-builts roadway project 04-128474, there is an underdrain system located 100 feet away from this project location. Caltrans recommends that the lead agency perform settlement monitoring of the roadway surface for any pavement distress due to jack and bore operations and provide mitigation measures if potential impacts are identified.
- 1-4** Figure 2-7 in the IS/MND indicates a new driveway construction and possible obliteration of Driveway #1. Please verify and provide the pavement structure of the new driveway. Provide details for Driveway #1 obliteration and shoulder backing as per Highway Design Manual (HDM) 672. Surface pavement removal and replacement of the mainline highway at the transition with the new driveway may be necessary. Please provide details for the transition as per HDM 671. Please see <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/design/documents/chp0670-all1y.pdf> for additional information.
- Project Coordination**
Please coordinate with the following Caltrans projects:
- 1-5**
- Project 3Q760: in Napa County on SR-29, 121, and 128 at various locations. This project calls for the installation of centerline rumble strips, shoulder rumble strips and edgeline rumble strips. Construction is expected to begin in May 2023.
 - Project 1W650: in Napa County on SR-29 from North of Lewelling Lane in St. Helena to South of Dunawee Lane. This project calls for the replacement or relocation of PG&E natural gas facilities, and to perform hydrostatic tests within Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW). Construction is expected to begin in October 2021.
 - Project 4J300: in and near Saint Helena and Calistoga, from York Creek Bridge to SR-128. This project calls for pavement preservation. Construction is expected to begin in April 2022.
 - Project 4J990: in Napa County, on SR-29 from Postmile (PM) 32.0 to 33.0, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Listed pollutant source control/trash capture device installation. Construction is expected to begin in January 2025.
- Cultural Resources**
- 1-6** Caltrans agrees with the findings in the Cultural Resource and Tribal Cultural Resources sections of the IS/MND. Should any ground-disturbing activities take place as part of the proposed project within the State ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and Caltrans Standard Environmental reference Chapter 2 ([link](#)), all construction work within 60 feet of the find shall cease. The Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies shall be immediately contacted at 510-504-1937 to determine the significance of the find.

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Maintenance

1-7

Any pavement distress at the crossing within a year of the installation shall be repaired free of cost to the State.

If there is an inter-agency Maintenance Agreement between CalFire and Caltrans for this project once this facility is completed, please provide a copy of the agreement to the Office of Maintenance.

Construction-Related Impacts

1-8

The existing mature oak trees within the State ROW must be protected. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways, and/or travel lane closures on SR-29 requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>.

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State ROW.

Lead Agency

1-9

As the Lead Agency, the Department of General Services is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Equitable Access

1-10

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

1-11

As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

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To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Yunsheng Luo at Yunsheng.Luo@dot.ca.gov. Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



MARK LEONG
District Branch Chief
Local Development - Intergovernmental Review

c: State Clearinghouse

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3.2.1 Response to Comment 1-1:

A Caltrans encroachment permit has been identified as required to install utility lines under SR-29.

3.2.2 Response to Comment 1-2:

Project design is in the preliminary plan stage. Details related to the jack and bore elevation plans will be provided as part of the encroachment permit application.

3.2.3 Response to Comment 1-3:

Whether settlement monitoring is required will be addressed during the encroachment permit application.

3.2.4 Response to Comment 1-4:

The Napa Valley Vine Trail Project (State Clearinghouse [SCH]#2020060572) is a separate project. Figure 2-7 in the Draft IS/MND contains the preliminary Vine Trail alignment, but the “New AC Pavement” driveway label is now inaccurate. The Project does not propose changes to the surface of the Caltrans right-of-way (ROW). Both west site and east site existing driveways will be retained in their existing alignment with no changes. As such, there will not be a new driveway connecting to SR-29.

3.2.5 Response to Comment 1-5:

CAL FIRE and DGS will coordinate with the listed Caltrans projects prior to Project construction.

3.2.6 Response to Comment 1-6:

Mitigation Measure CUL-2 states, “If subsurface deposits believed to be cultural or human in origin are discovered during construction, all work must halt within a 100-foot radius of the discovery.”

Should any ground-disturbing activities take place as part of the proposed Project within the State ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and Caltrans Standard Environmental reference Chapter 2 and Mitigation Measure CUL-2, all construction work within 100 feet of the find shall cease. The Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies shall be immediately contacted at 510-504-1937 to determine the significance of the find. Mitigation Measure **CUL-2** has been updated accordingly in Section 4.0 and the MMRP.

3.2.7 Response to Comment 1-7:

CAL FIRE is not aware of an inter-agency Maintenance Agreement between CAL FIRE and Caltrans. CAL FIRE agrees that any pavement distress at the crossing within a year of the installation shall be repaired and paid for by CAL FIRE.

3.2.8 Response to Comment 1-8:

Comment acknowledged and provided to Lead Agency for consideration.

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3.2.9 Response to Comment 1-9:

CAL FIRE is the lead agency and DGS is the Project proponent. The Project does not propose any changes to the surface within the Caltrans ROW. No State Transportation Network improvements specific to this Project are anticipated. Comment acknowledged and provided to Lead Agency for consideration.

3.2.10 Response to Comment 1-10:

See Response to Comment 1-4. CAL FIRE will coordinate with the Department of Parks and Recreation and Caltrans during Vine Trail construction. Pedestrian and bicycle access is not anticipated to be significantly affected during the CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement Project construction.

3.2.11 Response to Comment 1-11:

Comment acknowledged and provided to Lead Agency for consideration.

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4.0 REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

As a result of minor Project changes and comments received on the Draft IS/MND, revisions have been made to the Draft IS/MND text. These revisions include minor changes to mitigation measures, and do not constitute substantial revisions that would require recirculation of the document. According to Section 15073.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, a substantial revision shall mean:

- (1) A new, avoidable significant effect is identified and mitigation measures or project revisions must be added in order to reduce the effect to insignificance, or
- (2) The lead agency determines that the proposed mitigation measures or project revisions will not reduce potential effects to less than significance and new measures or revisions must be required."

The revisions are provided below. Changes in text are identified by ~~strikeout~~ where text is removed and by underline where text is added.

4.1 Mitigation Measure CUL-1

The following text was added at CAL FIRE's request. Within the Draft IS/MND, Mitigation Measure **CUL-1** appears on page iii of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and page 4-93 of the Draft Initial Study.

CUL-1: Construction Monitoring

- All ground-disturbing activities should be monitored by one qualified professional archaeologist who meets, or works under the direct supervision of someone who meets, the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology. The requirement for archaeological monitoring should be inclusive of all-day and night construction activity that has a potential to result in ground disturbance. A tribal monitor will also be present as per TCR-1. The archaeological monitor will consult with the CAL FIRE archaeologist over the duration of monitoring.
- "Ground-disturbing activity" is defined herein as any activities that have the potential to disturb soil beyond that which was reasonably visible to archaeologists during the pre-project pedestrian survey. This includes initial vegetation removal; grading; trenching; pile-driving, if such activity will bring soil to the surface; excavation for below-ground utility installation or foundation work; and any other below-ground activities.
- Prior to construction, the consulting archaeologist shall develop an Archaeological Monitoring Plan that outlines their protocols and procedures for archaeological monitoring during construction. The CAL FIRE Cultural Resource Department will review and approve this plan prior to any construction related activities associated with the Project.
- Archaeological monitoring will ensure that any encountered archaeological deposits are recognized immediately so that DGS and CAL FIRE can consult on appropriate treatment. Monitoring is not necessary for backfilling of previously excavated areas, or any Project

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activity that does not have potential to impact the building buildings of the St. Helena Forest Fire Station. The monitoring should be documented in a Project monitoring report submitted by the monitoring archaeologist at the conclusion of monitoring activities for the Project.

- No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the archaeological monitor of the construction schedule.
- This mitigation measure shall be followed in conjunction with Mitigation Measure **TCR-1**.

4.2 Mitigation Measure CUL-2

The following text was added based on comments received within Letter 1. Within the Draft IS/MND, Mitigation Measure **CUL-2** appears on page iv of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and page 4-94 of the Draft Initial Study.

CUL-2: Unanticipated Discovery

If subsurface deposits believed to be cultural or human in origin are discovered during construction, all work must halt within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. The on-site qualified professional archaeological monitor shall evaluate the significance of the find, in coordination with the on-site Tribal monitor, and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find:

- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does not represent a cultural resource, work may resume immediately and no agency notifications are required. However, if the tribal monitor finds it to be a tribal cultural resource, procedures set forth in mitigation measure TCR-2 shall be followed.
- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does represent a cultural resource from any time period or cultural affiliation, he or she shall immediately notify CAL FIRE, DGS, and the lead federal agency. The agencies shall consult on a finding of eligibility and implement appropriate treatment measures if the find is determined to be a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the site either: 1) is not a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.
- If the find represents a Native American or potentially Native American resource that does not include human remains, the archaeologist shall notify the onsite tribal monitor. The archaeologist, tribal monitor, DGS, and CALFIRE will consult on appropriate treatment. Preservation in place is the preferred treatment, if feasible. This process shall be followed in conjunction with procedures set forth in mitigation measure **TCR-2**.

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- If the find includes human remains, or remains that are potentially human, they shall ensure reasonable protection measures are taken to protect the discovery from disturbance (AB 2641). The archaeologist shall notify the Napa County Coroner (per § 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The provisions of Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, § 5097.98 of the California PRC, and AB 2641 will be implemented. If the Coroner determines the remains are Native American and not the result of a crime scene, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which then will designate a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for the Project (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). The designated MLD will have 48 hours from the time access to the property is granted to make recommendations concerning treatment of the remains. If the landowner does not agree with the recommendations of the MLD, the NAHC can mediate (§ 5097.94 of the PRC). If no agreement is reached, the landowner must rebury the remains where they will not be further disturbed (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). This will also include either recording the site with the NAHC or the appropriate Information Center; using an open space or conservation zoning designation or easement; or recording a reinternment document with the county in which the property is located (AB 2641). Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.
- Should any ground-disturbing activities take place as part of the proposed Project within the State ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and Caltrans Standard Environmental reference Chapter 2, the Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies shall be immediately contacted at 510-504-1937 to determine the significance of the find.
- This mitigation measure shall be implemented in conjunction with mitigation measure **TCR-2**.

4.3 Mitigation Measure TCR-1

The following text was added at CAL FIRE's request. Within the Draft IS/MND, Mitigation Measure TCR-1 appears on page vi of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and page 4-167 of the Draft Initial Study.

TCR-1: Tribal Monitoring

- All ground-disturbing activities should be monitored by one tribal monitor from one culturally-affiliated tribe (selected in consultation with the lead agencies), along with the archaeological monitor, as per CUL-1. The requirement for tribal monitoring should be inclusive of all-day and night construction activity that has a potential to result in ground disturbance. The on-site tribal monitor may be present for all ground disturbing activities at the tribal monitor's discretion.
- "Ground-disturbing activity" is defined herein as any activities that have the potential to disturb soil beyond that which was reasonably visible to archaeologists during the pre-

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project pedestrian survey. This includes initial vegetation removal; grading; trenching; pile-driving, if such activity will bring soil to the surface; excavation for below-ground utility installation or foundation work; and any other below-ground activities.

- Tribal monitoring will ensure that any encountered Native American archaeological deposits are recognized immediately so that DGS and CAL FIRE can consult on appropriate treatment. Monitoring is not necessary for backfilling of previously excavated areas, or for any above-ground Project activity that does not include ground disturbance. The tribal monitor shall send a written confirmation to DGS at the conclusion of tribal monitoring activities for the Project that indicates that all tribal monitoring has been completed.
- No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the culturally affiliated tribe of the construction schedule. Should the culturally affiliated tribe choose not to provide a tribal monitor, or if the monitor does not report to the Project location at the scheduled time, work may proceed without a monitor as long as the notification was made and documented. This mitigation measure shall be followed in conjunction with mitigation measure **CUL-1**.

4.4 Mitigation Measure GEO-1

Mitigation Measure **GEO-1** was incorrectly copied from page 4-109 of the Draft Initial Study to page v of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The end text of the measure was cut off in the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. There is no change to the measure below from the way it appears on page 4-109 of the Draft Initial Study. This is solely a correction of the appearance of the measure on page v of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

GEO-1: Monitoring of Earth-Disturbing Activity and Discovery of Unknown Paleontological Resources

- Because any Project-related construction activities that excavate previously undisturbed tuff could impact significant paleontological resources, paleontological monitoring of all onsite earth-disturbing activities shall occur. Should any bones, teeth, or unusually abundant and well-preserved leaves be unearthed, the construction crew should not attempt to remove them, as they could be extremely fragile and therefore prone to ~~Hazards and Hazardous Materials~~ crumbling and their *in situ* position needs to be properly recorded. Instead, all work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery should be diverted at least 15 feet away from the find until it is assessed by a professional paleontologist, and, if deemed significant, salvaged in a timely manner. All recovered fossils should be deposited in an appropriate repository, such as the UCMP, where they will be properly curated and made accessible for future study.

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4.5 Consultation with California Native American Tribe(s)

As described in the Draft IS/MND Project Description, on page 2-24:

On August 10, 2021, DGS and CAL FIRE determined that they had a complete Project Description and were ready to begin review under CEQA. CAL FIRE sent an initial notification letter to the Mishewal-Wappo Tribe with Project information and an invitation to consult on the Project. CAL FIRE requested responses to the offer to consult within 30 days of the receipt of the letter. As of the date of this Draft IS/MND, the tribe has not responded.

On August 10, 2021, CAL FIRE sent notification letters about the Project to individuals from the following culturally-affiliated California Native American tribes:

- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
- Suscol Intertribal Council
- Cortina Rancheria Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
- Middletown Rancheria
- Wintun Environmental Protection Agency
- Mishewal-Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley

CAL FIRE requested the tribes respond with any information about the Project Area within 30 days of the receipt of the letter. Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation responded on August 24, stating the Project is not in the tribe's aboriginal territory and the tribe defers to Middletown Rancheria. As of the date of this Draft IS/MND, no other tribes have responded.

As described above, CAL FIRE received a response from Laverne Bill of Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation stating that the tribe has concluded the Project is not in the aboriginal territories of the Yocha Dehe, and therefore they respectfully decline any comment on the Project and deferred correspondence to Michael Riviera of Middletown Rancheria.

On September 3, 2021, Victoria Delgado sent the same letter from Yocha Dehe as the one received by CAL FIRE on August 24 from Laverne Bill.

On September 14, 2021, CAL FIRE received a returned letter from Scott Gabaldon at Mishewal-Wappo. ECORP asked CAL FIRE whether CAL FIRE prefers ECORP pursues additional outreach.

On September 17, 2021, at CAL FIRE's request, ECORP sent an email to Scott Gabaldon with the letter attached, and also called him and left a message relaying that the hard copy letter was returned, and to call Thea Fuerstenberg at ECORP if he does not receive the email correspondence.

No additional communication was received from Scott Gabaldon as a result of the September 17, 2021, outreach from ECORP. Therefore, non-AB 52 tribal outreach is concluded as of September 17, 2021.

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4.6 Draft IS/MND Appendix C – Cultural Resources Inventory and Architectural History Evaluation Report

CAL FIRE made minor revisions to the Cultural Resources Inventory and Architectural History Evaluation Report (Appendix C of the Draft IS/MND), but those revisions did not alter or otherwise affect conclusions about impacts to cultural resources or tribal cultural resources as determined in the Draft IS/MND. Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, which is restricted from public distribution by state and federal law, the revised cultural resources report is not included with the Final IS/MND; however, a redacted version of the revised cultural resources report that does not include site records or locations may be obtained by contacting DGS.

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5.0 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN

5.1 Introduction

In accordance with CEQA, an MND that identifies adverse impacts related to construction and operation of the Project was prepared. The MND identifies mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate these impacts.

Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code and Sections 15091(d) and 15097 of the State CEQA Guidelines require public agencies to adopt a reporting and monitoring program for changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of project approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. An MMRP is required for the proposed Project because the IS/MND identified potentially significant adverse impacts related to construction and operation of the proposed Project, and mitigation measures have been identified to mitigate these impacts. Adoption of the MMRP will occur along with approval of the proposed Project.

5.2 Purpose of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

This MMRP has been prepared to ensure that all required mitigation measures are implemented and completed according to schedule and maintained in a satisfactory manner during the construction and operation of the Proposed Project, as required. The MMRP may be modified by CAL FIRE or DGS during Project implementation, as necessary, in response to changing conditions or other Project refinements. **Table 5-1** has been prepared to assist the responsible parties in implementing the MMRP. This table identifies the category of significant environmental impact(s), individual mitigation measures, monitoring and mitigation timing, responsible person/agency for implementing the measure, monitoring, and reporting procedure, and notation space to confirm implementation of the mitigation measures. The numbering of the mitigation measures follows the numbering sequence in the IS/MND.

5.3 Roles and Responsibilities

CAL FIRE and DGS are responsible for oversight of compliance of the mitigation measures in the MMRP.

5.4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

The column categories identified in **Table 5-1** are described below.

- **Mitigation Measure** – This column lists the mitigation measures by number.
- **Monitoring Activity/Timing/Frequency/Schedule** – This column lists the activity to be monitored for each mitigation measure, the timing of each activity, and the frequency/schedule of monitoring for each activity.
- **Implementation Responsibility/Verification** – This column identifies the entity responsible for complying with the requirements of the mitigation measure, and provides space for verification initials and date.

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- **Responsibility for Oversight of Compliance/Verification** – This column provides the agency responsible for oversight of the mitigation implementation, and is to be dated and initialed by the agency representative based on the documentation provided by the construction contractor or through personal verification by agency staff.
- **Outside Agency Coordination** – This column lists any agencies with which CAL FIRE and/or DGS may coordinate for implementation of the mitigation measure.
- **Comments** – This column provides space for written comments, if necessary.

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Table 5-1
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Mitigation Measure	Implementation Actions and Timing	Implementation Responsibility	Responsibility for Oversight of Compliance/ Verification	Agency Coordination	Comments
Biological Resources					
<p>There is potential or low potential for 23 special-status plants to occur within the ruderal/burned portion of the Study Area. The following measures are recommended to minimize potential impacts to special-status plants:</p> <p>PLANT-1: Special-Status Plant Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform floristic plant surveys within the Project footprint where there is potential habitat for special-status plants (i.e., ruderal/burned remnants of the Douglas fir forest and woodland habitat). The survey should be performed prior to construction according to USFWS, CDFW, and CNPS protocols. Surveys should be conducted by a qualified biologist and timed according to the appropriate phenological stage for identifying target species. Known reference populations should be visited or local herbaria records should be reviewed, if available, prior to surveys to confirm the phenological stage of the target 	<p>Action: Special-Status Plant Surveys.</p> <p>Timing: Prior to the start of construction, during blooming period for target species.</p>	<p>Project Biologist</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	<p>CAL FIRE, DGS</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	USFWS, CDFW	

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Mitigation Measure	Implementation Actions and Timing	Implementation Responsibility	Responsibility for Oversight of Compliance/ Verification	Agency Coordination	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If avoidance of special-status plants is not feasible, mitigate for significant impacts to special-status plants. Mitigation measures should be developed in consultation with CDFW. Mitigation measures may include permanent preservation of onsite or offsite habitat for special-status plants or translocation of plants or seeds from impacted areas to unaffected habitats. 					
<p>For Project activities with potential to affect active nests of special-status birds and birds protected under the MBTA, the following measures are recommended to prevent potential impacts to active raptor nests.</p> <p>BIRD-1: Special-Status Bird Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If construction is to occur during the nesting season (generally February 1 through August 31), conduct a preconstruction nesting bird survey of all suitable nesting habitat on the Project within 14 days of the commencement of construction. The survey shall be conducted within the Project footprint and all accessible areas within a 100-foot radius. If any active 	<p>Action:</p> <p>Special-Status Bird Surveys.</p> <p>Timing:</p> <p>Should construction occur during nesting season (February 1 – August 31), surveys shall occur within 14 days of commencement of construction.</p>	<p>Project Biologist</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	<p>CAL FIRE, DGS</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	CDFW	

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Mitigation Measure	Implementation Actions and Timing	Implementation Responsibility	Responsibility for Oversight of Compliance/ Verification	Agency Coordination	Comments
<p>nests are observed, these nests shall be designated a sensitive area and protected by an avoidance buffer established by a qualified biologist in coordination with CDFW until the breeding season has ended or until a qualified biologist has determined that the young have fledged and are no longer reliant upon the nest or parental care for survival. Preconstruction nesting surveys are not required for construction activity outside the nesting season.</p>					
<p>There is potential for two special-status bats to occur within the Study Area, and some potentially suitable roosting habitat within the Study Area may be impacted. The following measure is recommended to minimize potential impacts to special-status bats.</p> <p>BAT-1: Special-Status Bat Surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 14 days prior to Project activities that may impact bat roosting habitat (e.g., removal of manmade structures or trees), a qualified biologist will survey for all suitable roosting habitat within the Project impact limits. If 	<p>Action:</p> <p>Special-Status Bat Surveys.</p> <p><i>If suitable habitat is identified:</i></p> <p><i>Bat Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Consultation with CDFW.</i></p> <p>Timing:</p>	<p>Project Biologist</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	<p>CAL FIRE, DGS</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	CDFW	

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Mitigation Measure	Implementation Actions and Timing	Implementation Responsibility	Responsibility for Oversight of Compliance/ Verification	Agency Coordination	Comments
suitable roosting habitat is not identified, no further measures are necessary. If suitable roosting habitat is identified, a qualified biologist will conduct an evening bat emergence survey that may include acoustic monitoring to determine whether or not bats are present. If roosting bats are determined to be present within the Project site, consultation with CDFW prior to initiation of construction activities or preparation of a Bat Management Plan outlining avoidance and minimization measures specific to the roost(s) potentially affected shall be developed and implemented.	Within 14 days prior to demolition activities.				
Cultural Resources					
CUL-1: Construction Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ground-disturbing activities should be monitored by one qualified professional archaeologist who meets, or works under the direct supervision of someone who meets, the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology. The requirement for 	Action: Construction monitoring. Develop an Archaeological Monitoring Plan. Timing:	Project Archaeologist, Construction Manager <hr/> Initials	CAL FIRE, DGS		

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<p>archaeological monitoring should be inclusive of all-day and night construction activity that has a potential to result in ground disturbance. A tribal monitor will also be present as per TCR-1. The archaeological monitor will consult with the CAL FIRE archaeologist over the duration of monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “Ground-disturbing activity” is defined herein as any activities that have the potential to disturb soil beyond that which was reasonably visible to archaeologists during the pre-project pedestrian survey. This includes initial vegetation removal; grading; trenching; pile-driving, if such activity will bring soil to the surface; excavation for below-ground utility installation or foundation work; and any other below-ground activities. ■ Prior to construction, the consulting archaeologist shall develop an Archaeological Monitoring Plan that outlines their protocols and procedures for archaeological monitoring during construction. The CAL FIRE Cultural Resource Department will review and approve 	<p>Provide ground-disturbing activities schedule to archaeological monitor at least seven days prior to activity.</p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>Initials</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>		

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<p>this plan prior to any construction related activities associated with the Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Archaeological monitoring will ensure that any encountered archaeological deposits are recognized immediately so that DGS and CAL FIRE can consult on appropriate treatment. Monitoring is not necessary for backfilling of previously excavated areas, or any Project activity that does not have potential to impact the building buildings of the St. Helena Forest Fire Station. The monitoring should be documented in a Project monitoring report submitted by the monitoring archaeologist at the conclusion of monitoring activities for the Project. ■ No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the archaeological monitor of the construction schedule. 					

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<p>CEQA Guidelines. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the site either: 1) is not a Historical Resource under CEQA, as defined in Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If the find represents a Native American or potentially Native American resource that does not include human remains, the archaeologist shall notify the onsite tribal monitor. The archaeologist, tribal monitor, DGS, and CAL FIRE will consult on appropriate treatment. Preservation in place is the preferred treatment, if feasible. This process shall be followed in conjunction with procedures set forth in mitigation measure TCR-2. ■ If the find includes human remains, or remains that are potentially human, they shall ensure reasonable protection measures are taken to protect the discovery from disturbance (AB 2641). The archaeologist shall notify the Napa 					

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<p>County Coroner (per § 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The provisions of Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, § 5097.98 of the California PRC, and AB 2641 will be implemented. If the Coroner determines the remains are Native American and not the result of a crime scene, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which then will designate a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for the Project (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). The designated MLD will have 48 hours from the time access to the property is granted to make recommendations concerning treatment of the remains. If the landowner does not agree with the recommendations of the MLD, the NAHC can mediate (§ 5097.94 of the PRC). If no agreement is reached, the landowner must rebury the remains where they will not be further disturbed (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). This will also include either recording the site with the NAHC or the appropriate Information Center; using an open space or conservation zoning designation or easement; or recording a reinternment document with the county in</p>					

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<p>which the property is located (AB 2641). Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Should any ground-disturbing activities take place as part of the proposed Project within the State ROW and there is an inadvertent archaeological or burial discovery, in compliance with CEQA, PRC 5024.5, and Caltrans Standard Environmental reference Chapter 2, the Caltrans District 4 Office of Cultural Resource Studies shall be immediately contacted at 510-504-1937 to determine the significance of the find. ■ This mitigation measure shall be implemented in conjunction with mitigation measure TCR-2. 					
Geology and Soils					

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<p>GEO-1: Monitoring of Earth-Disturbing Activity and Discovery of Unknown Paleontological Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because any Project-related construction activities that excavate previously undisturbed tuff could impact significant paleontological resources, paleontological monitoring of all onsite earth-disturbing activities shall occur. Should any bones, teeth, or unusually abundant and well-preserved leaves be unearthed, the construction crew should not attempt to remove them, as they could be extremely fragile and therefore prone to crumbling and their <i>in situ</i> position needs to be properly recorded. Instead, all work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery should be diverted at least 15 feet away from the find until it is assessed by a professional paleontologist, and, if deemed significant, salvaged in a timely manner. All recovered fossils should be deposited in an appropriate repository, such as the UCMP, where they will be properly curated and made accessible for future study. 	<p>Action:</p> <p>Implement operator training.</p> <p>Suspend work in the area of discovery.</p> <p>Notify CAL FIRE, DGS, and Qualified Paleontologist in the event of a discovery.</p> <p>Implement appropriate treatment of found materials.</p> <p>Timing:</p> <p>Ongoing and as needed during construction activities.</p>	<p>Project Paleontologist, Construction Manager</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>CAL FIRE, DGS</p> <hr/> <p>Initials</p> <p>Date</p>		

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Hazards and Hazardous Materials					
HAZ-1: Hazardous Materials Survey Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Project shall comply with all recommendations outlined in the <i>Hazardous Materials Survey</i>, as well as CARB's ATCM for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations and Cal/OSHA guidelines. Prior to commencement of grading, the CUPA shall sign off on a field sampling plan for additional soil sampling to further characterize arsenic in the soil. Following results of the sampling, a Soil Management Plan shall be prepared discussing a plan for handling of the soil during construction and proper disposal of the material in compliance with federal and State law and to protect the health and safety of construction workers and future workers over the long term. A copy of the results of the additional soil sampling and a copy of the Soil Management Plan shall be submitted to the CUPA for sign off and approval prior to commencement of grading activities or 	Action: CARB and Cal/OSHA compliance. Soil sampling. Soil Management Plan. Timing: Prior to commencement of grading and demolition activities.	CAL FIRE, DGS <hr/> Initials <hr/> Date	CAL FIRE, DGS <hr/> Initials <hr/> Date	CARB, Cal/OSHA, Napa County Division of Environmental Health	

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Noise					
NOI-1: Construction Equipment Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of all heavy-duty construction equipment and all Project material deliveries shall be prohibited during all Project construction occurring between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. 	Action: Noise reduction. Timing: During construction.	Construction Manager <hr/> Initials <hr/> Date	CAL FIRE, DGS <hr/> Initials <hr/> Date		
Tribal Cultural Resources					

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<p>backfilling of previously excavated areas, or for any above-ground Project activity that does not include ground disturbance. The tribal monitor shall send a written confirmation to DGS at the conclusion of tribal monitoring activities for the Project that indicates that all tribal monitoring has been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No later than seven calendar days prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities associated with the undertaking as defined above, the construction supervisor or their designee shall notify the culturally affiliated tribe of the construction schedule. Should the culturally affiliated tribe choose not to provide a tribal monitor, or if the monitor does not report to the Project location at the scheduled time, work may proceed without a monitor as long as the notification was made and documented. This mitigation measure shall be followed in conjunction with mitigation measure CUL-1. 					
TCR-2: Unanticipated Discoveries	Action:	Project Archaeologist	CAL FIRE, DGS		

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To be signed when all mitigation measures have been completed:

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Signature

Printed Name

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ATTACHMENT A

Notice of Intent

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: September 9, 2021

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **CAL FIRE St. Helena Auto Shop and Warehouse Replacement — NAPA COUNTY**

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