



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	AEU Pine Grove Camp Residence Septic Tank Replacement.		
PROJECT LOCATION	AEU Pine Grove Camp, 13630 Aqueduct Rd. Pine Grove, Ca 95665 Township 6N; Range 12E; Sec. 3 MDBM , Pine Grove USGS Quad	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The septic tank for the state residence at Pine Grove Conservation Camp has failed and is in need of replacement. The existing septic tank has tree roots intruding from the inflow side of the tank. Additionally, due to a leak in the current metal tank base, the water level in the tank will not fill enough to distribute into the leach lines. This septic tank replacement is necessary from both residence functionality and health & safety standpoints. The proposed project will replace the existing 1000-gallon metal tank with a 1,000-gallon concrete tank, which will be connected to the existing leach field lines. The proposed project consists of digging approximately a 15-foot by 15-foot by 10-foot deep hole using a backhoe and CAL FIRE Pine Grove Camp hand crew. Project work shall take approximately one week to complete. The total proposed project area is approximately 225 square feet of surface area. The project shall require no grading and only minimal disturbance of earthen material mainly within the existing septic tank foot print. No watercourses exist within the project area. No known occurrences or habitat of threatened, rare or endangered species occur in or immediately adjacent to the project area. No activity will take place when soils are saturated. The proposed project will take place on CAL FIRE owned property (Pine Grove Camp) in Amador County. This Notice of Exemption is to cover one-time project work to be completed by October 1, 2017.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 2(c) 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- 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 under the description of a Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) Categorical Exemption to CEQA. CALFIRE staff conducted an environmental review to confirm that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. This review included an on-the-ground field inspection by the AEU Unit Forester and South Division Chief on September 9, 2016. In addition CALFIRE State Archaeologist (Gerrit Fenenga) was consulted and reviewed the proposed project and stated, the required repairs will not constitute any adverse effect to any cultural resources. 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 AEU Unit Headquarters in Camino.

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Helge Eng, Deputy Director Date 9/20/16
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