NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	AEU Pine Grove Camp water tanks replacement		
PROJECT LOCATION	AEU Pine Grove Camp, 13630 Aqueduct Rd. Pine Grove, Ca 95665 Township 7N; Range 12E; Sec. 34 MDBM , Pine Grove USGS Quad	**COUNTY**	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project consists of the proposed replacement of two 25,000 gallon redwood water tanks with two steel water tanks of similar capacity. The two redwood tanks have been in use at the camp from 1956 until 2009 when they were de-commissioned. The redwood tanks will be dismantled using Pine Grove Camp personnel. The two steel tanks shall be placed on the existing 8-sided (octagonal) concrete slabs the current redwood tanks occupy using a backhoe and/or excavator. After placement the steel tanks shall be hooked-up to the existing gravity-fed waterline system to distribute water to camp facilities. The proposed tank replacement shall take approximately 5 days to complete. The total proposed project area is less than a quarter of an acre. The project shall require no grading and only minimal disturbance of earthen material. No watercourses exist on or adjacent to the proposed 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 March 1, 2017.

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1(b) 15301 Existing Facilities

☐ 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 1 (Existing Facilities) 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, AEU South Division Chief and a CALFIRE State Archaeologist (Gerrit Fenenga) familiar with the property on January 14, 2016. In addition CAL FIRE Technical Services Senior Environmental Planner Christina Snow visited the proposed project site on Friday February 12, 2016 to review on-site conditions. 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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