NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Trinidad Forest Fire Station – Water Storage Improvement Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Trinidad Forest Fire Station, 923 Patrick's Point Drive, Trinidad, CA 95570	**COUNTY**	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Two new 10,000 gallon monolithic concrete water storage tanks will be constructed on site. The tanks will be constructed atop two new concrete slabs measuring 13'x13'x12" in an existing cleared, flat site void of vegetation. One nearby redwood tree will be removed to provide equipment access to the site and prevent future damage from overhanging branches. The net increase in water storage will be 14,000 gallons of water. A new water treatment building measuring 12'x24' will be constructed on site. The building will be constructed atop a concrete slab measuring 12'x24'x6" with a perimeter footing that is 12" wide and 18" deep. Approximately 110 square feet of concrete flat work will be poured in place around the new building at its entrances. The building site is flat, void of vegetation, and is currently occupied by a concrete slab and a small partially open-ended shed. The existing shed will be removed and a portion of the existing concrete slab may need to be removed to fit the new building. Water filters, a water pressure tank, pressure pumps, and water treatment equipment will be relocated from outdoors to inside the new building. The existing electrical service connection will be moved to a new drop within 30 feet of the existing overhead power pole. New wiring to the new building will be connected underground. A 36" deep trench approximately 200 feet in length will be excavated and backfilled. Electrical service to the building will be placed underground. A portion of this line will be routed in an existing road prism that is partially overgrown by grasses and shrubs. The remainder will be routed near existing underground water lines. This upgrade will provide improved protection to the electrical supply from potential damage from overhanging trees and branches. The existing wooden water tower and its 5,000 gallon polyethylene tank will be removed. The structure has been exposed to the elements for decades and is liable to collapse with the potential to cause significant damage to the facility and/or injury to personnel. Salvaged materials may be repurposed on site in the future. Minor trenching and backfilling will be required to repair existing pipes and/or install new pipes from the existing well to the new water tanks. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern. During the work required to install the water tank, build the structure, and repair associated water pipes, less than one acre of soil will be disrupted. Periodic noise will be generated by trenching equipment, backhoe concrete trucks, concrete pump, building material delivery trucks, and general construction purposed power tools. The construction of the project will take place over approximately 45 working days.

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 3, and 4 §15301 Existing Facilities, 15303 (e) New Construction, §15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3, (New Construction) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are best described as minor in scope. 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 CAL FIRE's HUU Headquarters in Fortuna.

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