



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Truckee Remote Automated Weather Station		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	SE ¼, NE ¼ Section 11, T17N, R15E MDB&M Norden 7.5' USGS Qua	<b>COUNTY</b>	Nevada
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project involves the establishment of a long-term lease agreement and installation of a remote area weather station in the Tahoe Donner community. The property the station is to be installed on belongs to the Tahoe Donner Homeowner's Association and is utilized as common area, for recreational use only. The project involves setting up and securing a tripod-style fixed weather station and a wandering Wyoming-style fence around it with snow stick markers for safety. The Department of General Services will establish a long-term lease agreement with the Tahoe Donner Homeowner's Association for the approximate 24 foot by 24 foot square of land occupied by the remote area weather station. The project involves using a Washington Ridge Conservation Camp crew, a stake-side and two staff vehicles travelling to and from the site for installation. All on the ground work will be completed with hand tools. Installation of the station and associated fencing is expected to take two days. Light brush removal will occur to prepare the site for installation. Securing the station will involve pounding one ten-inch spike into the ground for each of the three legs. The weather station is completely self-contained and battery operated. RAWs Station will serve as the fire weather monitoring station for the Truckee National Fire Danger Rating Area.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class
  - 14 CCR § 15304 Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
  - 14 CCR § 15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures
  - 14 CCR § 15327 Class 27 Leasing New 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 portions of Class 11 (Accessory Structures), Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Class 27 (Leasing New Facilities). After completing an environmental assessment, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. Field review by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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