



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

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Vallecito Shower and Cold Storage project

**PROJECT LOCATION** T3N, R13E, Portion of Section 13 MDBM **COUNTY** Calaveras

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The CAL FIRE Vallecito Conservation Camp is located in southern Calaveras County, near the community of Vallecito. The project area is approximately 2,100 feet in elevation. Vegetation surrounding the project area consists of a mixture of native oaks, pines and various planted species. The project area itself has been developed. The project consists of two building locations. The first is the construction of a walk-in cold storage unit, which will be 25'X 25' in size. A cement foundation will be constructed, and the cold box placed on the foundation.

The second is the completion of a cover crew shower building, which will be 25'X 30' in size. The building is partially within the footprint of a structure, which had been previously removed. The foundation of the building and the partial walls for the shower room had been constructed this past Spring. Construction was halted when it was determined that CEQA review was necessary.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 *15303- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*
- 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 15303- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

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 the CAL FIRE Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING**



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