



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 Propane Tank maintenance, repair and upgrade		
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

On Saturday March 12, 2016 on CAL FIRE owned property (Pine Grove Camp) in Amador County a large oak tree uprooted and fell striking two large bulk LPG tanks. The two tanks, one with 6,250 gallons of capacity, and the second with a 5,550 gallon capacity supply all of the camp facility's propane needs. The oak tree toppled onto the larger capacity LPG tank shearing off the relief valve allowing approx. 3000 gallons of propane to escape. Emergency procedures ensued to stop the release of propane; this included the installation of a temporary relief valve on the larger tank. Representatives from Ferrell Gas, Cal OSHA, and CAL FIRE's Northern Region Tech Services gathered at Pine Grove Camp to assess the damage, site conditions and make repair/upgrade recommendations. All parties present agreed to maintain the two existing LPG tanks, but recommended the LPG bulk head be moved from its current location atop the cut-bank to a location directly in front of both tanks. In addition it was recommended to upgrade the entire bulk storage LPG installation above ground piping and valves to comply with the current edition of California Fire Code 2013 and National Fire Protection Association 2015. The proposed project consists of digging a LPG bulk head hole approximately 5 feet by 5 feet to a depth of 5 feet. This project work shall be carried out by a CAL FIRE Pine Grove camp crew and take one day to complete. The LPG bulk storage installation upgrade shall be the responsibility of Ferrell Gas and require two individuals and approximately two 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 using a hand crew. 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 which 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 March 16, 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 4/8/16
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