

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Gold Country Fairgrounds Fair Booth Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Gold Country Fairgrounds 1273 High Street Auburn, CA 95603	COUNTY	Placer
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will involve demolition of an existing gazebo structure and concrete pad built in 1982 and replacement with a modern structure that meets current Wildland Urban Interface building standards. Power and water trenching will occur at the work site and extend to existing power and water connections on Gold Country Fairgrounds property. Construction will be light-framed residential-type construction with engineered trusses, slab foundation, and 2" x 6" stud wall framing, including roll-up doors, windows and fire resistive exterior components. Minor excavation will consist of excavation for footing walls and foundations. The original structure is octagonal and approximately 750 square feet; the new structure is rectangular at 850 square feet. A gravel parking pad will be installed with a gated entrance. The pad will be 16' wide and 30' long. Some live trees will be removed in order to allow equipment access and material delivery. All material will be disposed in a facility licensed and permitted for such materials. A gravel parking pad will be installed to allow equipment and vehicle staging. The structure will be maintained as a public education display, and the site will be maintained for PRC 4291 compliance into the future. This maintenance will include landscaping, weed eating, irrigation, tree removal and planting to maintain tree health, and building or repairs of rock walls and walkways. Building maintenance will occur into the future and will include painting, minor construction, roofing repair and replacement, digging for irrigation repair and replacement with hand tools and small tractor equipment, asphalt and concrete repair and replacement, and maintenance of structure interior electrical and finishes.

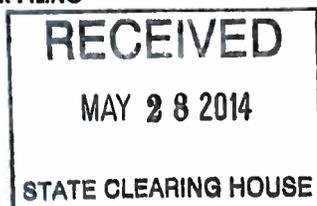
EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 3, and 4 §15301 Existing Facilities
§15303 (e) New Construction of Small Structures
§15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3, (New Construction of Small Structures) 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 per 14 CCR § 15300.2, 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 NEU Headquarters in Auburn.

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