

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Soquel Soil Percolation Testing, Water Well and Geotechnical Study		
PROJECT LOCATION	4750 Soquel-Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073		
	APN: 103211116	COUNTY	Santa Cruz
	Portion of Section 23, T10S, MDM&BL		
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project scope includes digging percolation test pits in the soil, drilling for a potential water well and performing activities related to a geotechnical and geologic hazards evaluation (borings to determine soil suitability and soil excavation). These activities will occur on a previously developed site. Although the well and some of the test borings will occur within a grassy area, the area will be minimally disturbed. All borings, testing pits and excavations will be backfilled with the native soil removed for testing purposes. If the water supply well is determined to have adequate water flow and suitable water quality, the well will remain in place and capped. The existing well will continue to serve the current fire station. The new well will only be used after it is determined that the parcel will accommodate a new fire station and all appropriate approvals, including CEQA, have been completed and the new station constructed. The testing is necessary to determine whether the existing parcel will accommodate a replacement fire station and required utility service systems.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: 15304, Class 4 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 Categorical exemption Section 15304, Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land. Field review by CAL FIRE 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 can be viewed at CALFIRE Soquel Fire Station, 4750 Soquel-Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073.

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