NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Sewer Pond Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	T13N, R7W, Sec.21 Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian, approximately one mile north of the community of Clearlake, CA.	**COUNTY**	Lake
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves ongoing training of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) personnel in the proper procedures of firing techniques, mobile attack and hand tool usage to control wildland fires. The project area is 40 acres of grassland adjacent to wastewater treatment ponds. The land is owned by County of Lake, Special Districts, and is entirely within State Responsibility Area. CAL FIRE Type 3 engines, bulldozer, hand crew and a fire suppression helicopter will be used for the training burn and will be present for all burning activities.

The proposed 40 acres is entirely grassland and surrounded by existing roads and proposed dozer line. There are no known threatened or endangered plants or animals in the project area. No archaeological resources have been identified within the project area. All applicable burn permits issued by the Lake County Air Quality Management District will be obtained prior to commencement of the project. This will be an ongoing project to train State fire personnel.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- [x] Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (i) 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 the description for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA. 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 CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention VMP Forester), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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