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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Project Name: Higgins Fire Station Project

The State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the Lead Agency for the proposed Higgins Fire Station Project (Project). In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and Department procedures, notification is hereby given to responsible and trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project described below.

**Project Location:** The project site is an approximate 7-acre parcel located at 23036 West Hacienda Drive in Nevada County (APN 021-730-087).

**Project Description:** Construction of the new facility would include a 9,296 square foot (sf), two-engine fire station including an 18-bed barracks/3 bay apparatus building, 2,048 sf administration building, and an 816-sf storage building. Site development would include earthwork, drainage, stormwater system, roads, curbs and paving, gutters and sidewalks, a 2,000-gallon above ground fuel vault, fire suppression system, site lighting, hose drying rack, fencing, trash enclosure, flagpoles, bike racks, electric vehicle chargers, ground-mounted photovoltaic system, two 1,000-gallon propane tanks, fire sprinkler system, fire hydrant, backflow preventer, post indicator valve, fire department connection, 85 kW generator, and landscaping. Utilities would include connecting to the existing water main in Combie Road for potable, irrigation, and fire water, sewer connection to the existing manhole at Combie/W Hacienda intersection, electrical power, solar, LPG/natural gas, telephone, and radio. Depth of excavation is anticipated to be up to 3 feet.

**Public Review Period:** The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. The review period begins on October 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025. Written comments regarding the contents of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to:

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Written comments may also be sent via e-mail using the e-mail address provided below:

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A copy of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations:

1. CAL FIRE Higgins Fire Station, 10106 Combie Road, Grass Valley, California 95949.
2. Grass Valley Public Library, 207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, California 95945.
3. CAL FIRE Internet at: <https://CALFIRE.app.box.com/s/6uzjbg146cfn018h1jw98871hp740x7t/folder/238725157425>
4. CAL FIRE Technical Services, 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

The Notice of Intent is posted at the following locations:

1. CAL FIRE Higgins Fire Station, 10106 Combie Road, Grass Valley, California 95949.
2. On the project site at 23036 West Hacienda Drive (corner of Combie Road and W. Hacienda Drive).
3. Grass Valley United States Post Office, 185 E Main Street, Grass Valley, California 95945.