

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Higgins Fire Station

Lead Agency: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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Project Location: Grass Valley

City

Nevada

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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 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.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potential Significant Effects occur in the following subject areas: Aesthetics - due to landscaping and hardscaping requirements in a scenic corridor. Cultural Resources - due to unanticipated discoveries of archaeological resources. Geology and Soils - due to grading requirements for construction. Tribal Cultural Resources - due to unanticipated discovery.

Mitigation has been added to avoid significant effects and includes the following:

Aesthetics - CAL FIRE shall implement applicable design and landscaping requirements contained within the Greater Higgins Area Plan with an emphasis on native and drought-tolerant (water efficient) plants shall be incorporated.

Cultural Resources - Work will cease and CAL FIRE/qualified archaeologist notifications shall be made with potential Native American Tribe notification to determine appropriate course of action consistent with NAHC and Tribe requirements.

Geology and Soils - CAL FIRE shall require that all specific recommendations in the Geotechnical Investigation and Geologic Hards Evaluation will be implemented to ensure that erosion and instability will not have a significant effect.

Tribal Resources - Work shall cease and notification of Tribal representative to ensure that all required protocols (pursuant to PRC Section 21074) are implemented.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy for the project.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Water Quality Control Board