

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)  
1131 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95818

**Project Title:** CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Headquarters Stillwater Business Park Lot 11 Acquisition

**Project Location – Specific:** Venture Parkway, Shasta County APN 054-220-019 (Portion)

**Project Location – City:** Redding

**Project Location – County:** Shasta

**Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:**

CAL FIRE seeks to acquire approximately 35 acres of land located on the east side of Venture Parkway comprising the north portion of Lot 11 in the Stillwater Business Park in Redding, Shasta County, California. The site is currently vacant pasture land with gated access from Venture Parkway. The surrounding vicinity generally consists of similar vacant pasture land.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** CAL FIRE

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Wesley Dote, Sr. Real Estate Officer, Real Estate Services Division, Department of General Services

**EXEMPT STATUS:** California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3): General Rule/Common Sense Exemption

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:**

The acquisition activity is exempt under the "common sense exemption" at California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15004, subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, "agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance."


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