



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE	Conex Modification		
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PROJECT LOCATION	4501 State Highway 104, Ione, CA 95640	COUNTY	Amador
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LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is planning two types of improvement activities adjacent to existing conex storage containers on the firegrounds at the CAL FIRE Training Center in Ione:

- 1) Gravel will be installed adjacent to a conex box that is currently surrounded by soil which becomes muddy and hinders access to training gear during the winter months. Gravel will be installed to 8 feet out from the edge of the conex box and will extend to the existing nearby asphalt surface, for a total of 100 feet in length.
 - 2) Asphalt pavement will be extended adjacent to conex boxes that are currently situated at the edge of asphalt on the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). The new paved area will allow installation of physical training equipment without blocking areas of the EVOC where fire engines must travel for driver training activities. The new asphalt area will be 16 feet wide and 180 feet long.
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EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304:
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))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits the description for a Class 4, §15304: Minor Alterations to Land 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 project consists of installation of gravel around an existing conex box and minor expansion of an existing asphalt surface. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff 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.

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