



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE	Toro Fire Center		
PROJECT LOCATION	Camp San Luis Obispo Military Reservation 1575 Sutter Avenue San Luis Obispo, CA 93405	COUNTY	San Luis Obispo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will consist of removing debris from the entire site and digging trenches for new utilities in various locations within the footprint of the project. Approximately one third of the project site is covered in deteriorated asphalt with an existing building structure and concrete apron.

Activities associated with the project will be ground disturbing trenching to depths between 18" to 36" and no greater than 36" wide. A utility trench, approximately 410 meters long, will border the southern half of the project area. A second utility trench for electricity will extend approximately 76 meters on the northwest side of the project from Sutter Ave to the main project line along the access driveway. A third trench for water and fiber optic cable will extend approximately 115 meters on the northeast side of the project across Sutter Ave to the main project line. A fourth trench will extend from the existing building structure approximately 130 meters to a portable unit located in the southeast corner of the project. Project trenching will result in approximately 800 cubic yards of soil disturbance. Less than one acre of soil will be disturbed and areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern.

The cleaned site will be resurfaced with asphalt, and a new concrete road will extend from the fenced yard to Sutter Ave. The current building onsite will be renovated. Initial site construction improvements should take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Additional improvements will occur throughout Cal Fire's occupancy of the facility.

Other permanent components of the project include placement of mobile structures and portable structures on the ground surface; an above ground storage tank for vehicle re-fueling; a new bathroom building; a gas house for equipment storage; a new pad mounted transformer, and a covered parking area.

The new camp will be utilized as a fire suppression hand crew staging and equipment storage area. The new camp will be stationed by 8 to 9 full-time staff members and will accommodate large transient fire suppression crews. Operations at the site will include gathering of firefighting personnel to access transportation off-site, along with storage; staging; refueling; and cleaning of vehicles and equipment.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1, 3, and 4
 - §15301 Existing Facilities
 - §15303 New Construction
 - §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))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three classes of Categorical Exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines - 14CCR §15300: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure), and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are minor in scope. These areas were carefully inspected for environmental concerns and will be monitored for previously unidentified resources. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters.



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Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that 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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's San Luis Obispo Unit Resource Management Office at 880 Manzanita Drive, Los Osos, CA 93402.

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Matthew Reischman, Assistant Deputy Director Date
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