

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Hollister Air Attack Base Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	2300 San Felipe Road, Hollister, CA 95023 Hollister, CA 95023 T12S, R5E, S15, MDBM	COUNTY	San Benito
LEAD AGENCY	San Benito – Monterey Unit (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To facilitate the arrival of a new helicopter, additional space will be leased for capital improvements and additional personnel. Capital improvements will include a helipad, parking area, two double-wide barracks trailers and a single-wide office trailer. The modular office trailer is a temporary single-story structure measuring 60 feet long by 12 feet wide. The two-modular double-wide barracks trailers measure 60 feet long by 24 feet wide. As these are modular units, no foundation will be constructed and the temporary structures will be supported by concrete footings and piers that sit atop the existing paved surface. Minor trenching will be completed at lineal distance of approximately 70 feet to and at a depth of 30 inches to connect a sewage pipe to the barracks. Trenches will be backfilled and compacted once the pipe is installed.

The proposed helipad will be a 13,000 square feet concrete surface installed adjacent to an existing runway, taxiway and airport apron. The Proposed parking area will total approximately 0.5 acres and will be an extension of the paved area within the project. It is on disturbed soils that have been compacted and graveled. The area is currently used as a parking and storage area.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **§15303 New Construction of Small Structures; Class 3 (d) and (e)**
- 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 within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE 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. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE San Benito – Monterey Unit Headquarters office at 2221 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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