

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management  
9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95827

**PROJECT TITLE:** Merced Parole Office Lease Renewal

**PROJECT LOCATION(S):** 435 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced CA. 95340

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** CDCR Division of Adult Paroles, leases an approximately 10,377 square foot office located in Merced, CA. The office has security issues and the interior needs updating. The project will involve interior renovation of an existing office including replacing ceiling tiles, electrical fixtures, paint and carpeting. The project also involves adding additional security measures; i.e., cameras, alarm keypads and key fobs. This project is needed to provide a clean and safe work environment for staff and the visiting parolee population.

**Name Of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Name Of Person Or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Facility Planning, Construction and Management, 9838 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento, CA 95827


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption Class 1, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 1” (14 CCR §15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves negligible to no expansion of use. The project site is not in an environmentally sensitive area and none of the exceptions to this exemption are applicable. This is one of a class of projects that the Secretary for Resources has found do not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore is declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for preparing an environmental document.

**Contact Person:** Peter J Connelly Jr, Senior Environmental Planner, 916-255-3010  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management,  
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Date Received For Filing:**

  
Peter J Connelly Jr, Environmental Planning Section  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management  
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation