



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Rincon Fire Station Temporary Lease		
PROJECT LOCATION	16160 CA-76 Pauma Valley, California 92061	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	CAL FIRE		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CAL FIRE Rincon Fire Station is scheduled to be replaced on the existing site located at 16971 CA-76 in Pauma Valley, California. During demolition and reconstruction, the staff will need to relocate temporarily so that fire suppression activities can continue without interruption.

CAL FIRE will be leasing property that can accommodate temporary modular buildings. The property is located 1.5 miles north of the existing fire station at 16160 CA-76, Pauma Valley, CA 92061. The area to be leased sits behind the Pauma Valley United States Post Office and consists of 1.65 acres.

The temporary structures consist of one modular sleeping unit (36' x 60') and one office trailer (12' x 40'). Temporary electrical service will be provided by connecting to an existing power pole (San Diego Gas and Electric), water will be provided by a temporary aboveground water pipeline, and onsite sewer will be stored and pumped out as required.

The site is flat and is graded (disturbed) and is not directly visible from the highway. Minor grading may be required, and no vegetation will be removed. The buildings will house approximately 8 to 18 personnel depending upon fire incident occurrences. The lease time period will be two to three years depending upon the completion of the existing fire station replacement project.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: §15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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

The project fits under Class 3 Categorical Exemption, Title 14 CCR§15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Class 3 consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE staff has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, 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, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE 1131 S Street, Sacramento CA 95811.

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