



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	San Jose House Lease		
PROJECT LOCATION	320 North 7 th Street San Jose, California 95138	COUNTY	Santa Clara
LEAD AGENCY	CAL FIRE		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit was recently given more staff to address increased fire protection. Staff consists of 20 fire fighters and 4 fire captains. Currently, the new personnel are staying at a hotel (Homewood Suites) at the San Jose Airport. This creates logistical issues as they are on call and they have no ability to have a common kitchen for meal preparation.

CAL FIRE will be entering into a lease for a home that is 2,800 sf with 7 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms located at 320 North 7th Street in San Jose. This lease will be in place until a permanent solution can be determined. The number of staff residing at the home will be 10 per shift. No improvements are required as the home has recently been renovated.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: §15301 Existing Facilities; Class 1
- 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 1 Categorical Exemption, Title 14 CCR§15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, *leasing*, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. 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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