



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Butte Unit Chico Air Attack Base Generator Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Chico Air Attack Base 1335 Fortress St, Chico, CA 95973	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will include installation of a concrete generator pad, stationary generator, automatic transfer switch and associated electrical equipment in underground lines on city property. Electrical lines in conduit will be laid in a trench that is approximately 12" wide, 36" deep, and 35' long. Trenching will be located no more than 25' from Air Base buildings that were constructed in the late 60s/early 70s. The Chico Air Attack Base is in an industrial park associated with an airport surrounded by grassland at an elevation of 251'. The airport runway is approximately 300' from the Chico Municipal Airport runway. The topography is flat where the work will be done and gently sloping on the surrounding area. The soil is a clay loam that has been compacted and paved; some area of soil that has been capped with gravel may be impacted. Construction is estimated to take approximately 12 days.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1
§15301 Existing Facilities
- 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 Categorical Exemption 15301: Class 1 (Existing Facilities). The generator will be installed on an existing operational Air Attack Base.

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 Office, 6640 Steiffer Rd, Magalia CA 95954.

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