



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Yucca Valley Fire Station Generator and SCBA Storage Building		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	CAL FIRE BDU – Yucca Valley Fire Station, 7105 Airway Avenue, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 Section 36 T01N R05E SBPM	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Bernardino County
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is located at CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit's (BDU) Yucca Valley Fire Station (Yucca Valley Station), a CAL FIRE facility located in the community of Yucca Valley at 7105 Airway Avenue, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. The property is primarily surrounded by vacant lots, commercial use, and residential areas. The project site is located adjacent to existing buildings and infrastructure and consists of approximately 774 square feet of disturbed land, consisting of an existing concrete pad and adjacent disturbed dirt area, primarily serving as landscaping. The purpose of the project is to construct a new generator storage building with additional space to accommodate a new compressor and fill station for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units. In addition, a 1,000-gallon fuel tank and associated pad will be constructed adjacent to the building, for purposes of fueling the generator. Project activities will consist of all necessary construction for the installation of the storage building and fuel tank pad, including any associated infrastructure and utilities. The building will total approximately 624 square feet and the fuel tank pad will total approximately 150 square feet, for a total of approximately 774 feet. Project impacts will be limited to existing disturbed dirt and hardscaped areas. Trenches for utilities will be approximately 2' in depth and 1' in width. Project implementation is expected to begin as soon as November 2021 and last approximately 10 weeks. Equipment necessary for project implementation includes a skid steer and a back hoe. Other various utility and passenger vehicles needed for the delivery of materials and personnel will also be used. Heavy equipment will be staged onsite, within and/or adjacent to the project site in existing improved areas. Vehicles used for the delivery of materials and personnel will commute to the site as necessary. No offsite improvements are necessary for project implementation.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption    Type/Section: Class 3    §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 meets the requirements of Class 3 Categorical Exemption (New construction or conversion of small structures) Section 15303. Class 3 consists of 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. The project fits the description of example "E" as an accessory structure. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a "Notice of Exemption" for this project. It has been concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the CALFIRE staff is kept on file at CAL FIRE's San Bernardino Unit Headquarters in San Bernardino, CA.

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