

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	CAL FIRE TCU San Andreas Headquarters Facility Improvement		
PROJECT LOCATION	Township 4 North, Range 12 East, Section 20. 785 Mountain Ranch Rd. San Andreas, CA	COUNTY	Calaveras
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION The Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit of CAL FIRE needs to increase capacity for firefighters and department staff at the headquarters facility, located in the city of San Andreas. At the location of an existing outdoor volleyball court and immediately adjacent to two existing buildings, a prefabricated building measuring approximately 15' x 30' (450 sf) will be installed. A trench, approximately 30 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 30 inches deep will be dug in order to house necessary utility lines. The construction phase of the project is anticipated to take approximately four weeks. There are no watercourses on or immediately adjacent to the project area and no trees will need to be removed. The topography is relatively flat, and the project exists in an existing built environment.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures §15303 - Class 3
- 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 portions of 14 CCR §15303; New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The new prefabricated building will be installed in a location that is previously disturbed and will provide necessary operational space for the fire station. The project is not anticipated to have any adverse impacts on biological resources or surface waters of the state. A CAL FIRE Associate State Archaeologist was consulted, and the project will not have any adverse impacts to cultural resources.

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/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, energy, wildfire, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas.

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