

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Porterville Training Tower and Parking Lot		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	26488 Ave 140 Porterville, CA 93257	<b>COUNTY</b>	Tulare
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to install a training tower, a carport, and gravel parking lot at the Porterville Fire Station. The environmental setting is annual grassland, with non-native trees plants around the station, and a riparian corridor along the Campbell-Moreland Ditch 300 ft to the north. The location of the work is within the developed area of the station grounds, where excavation and grading has occurred in the past, leaving little native vegetation or soil development. The training tower will be 30ft tall by 36ft wide on a concrete slab (44 x 40) with 36 ft long anchors for additional structural support. An open field adjacent to the fire station will have gravel parking lot installed. Prior to laying new concrete, the existing pavement will be demolished and removed, and the ground will be leveled. Gravel will be installed in an open lot adjacent to the Porterville fire station to serve as parking for training classes at the tower. A concrete slab will be installed for a carport to house a dozer transport and dozer. The concrete slab will be approximately 75 ft x 25 ft with anchors for the carport. Work will take approximately two to three months to complete.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: **§15303 New Construction of Small Structures; 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 §15303 New Construction of Small Structures; Class 3.

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, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 1968 S Lovers In Visalia, CA 93292.

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