



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Happy Valley Fire Center		
PROJECT LOCATION	855 Canyon Road, Redding, CA 96007	COUNTY	Shasta
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of negotiating a long-term lease with an option to purchase the buildings and land that is owned by the Victor Treatment Centers Inc.

The facility is being leased to house approximately 80 CAL FIRE personnel and associated administrative staff. Eventually the Happy Valley Fire Center will accommodate CAL FIRE hand crews that service the Shasta-Trinity Unit area. The facility will eventually employ 108+ CAL FIRE staff members that will eventually remain onsite in shifts. The crews will be Type 1 hand crews and will respond to wildland fires, construct and maintain fuel breaks, improve fire roads, and respond to any type of incident deemed necessary by CAL FIRE.

The lease consists of ten buildings and storage for a total of 33,634 sf. The Facility was previously a school and has ample office space as well as a shop, gymnasium, cafeteria, storage buildings, and classrooms. As part of the lease, improvements will be made to the structures that includes converting the classrooms to firefighter barracks, improving the restrooms to accommodate staff, installation of showers, and rocking the parking areas that are not currently paved.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption §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 is consistent with the Class 1 Categorical Exemption, Title 14 CCR§15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of 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 not expansion of existing or former use.

The new lease is within existing developed buildings. No significant impacts would occur. 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 the CAL FIRE office located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, California 95811.

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