

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Visalia Headquarters Training Classroom		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	1968 South Lovers Lane T 18S, R 25E, Section 34	<b>COUNTY</b>	Tulare
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project is on the existing Tulare Unit's Visalia headquarters compound. The Unit will install a modular classroom for a Training Program, a utility ditch to attach electrical, water, and sewer lines that will be approximately 185ft in length, 2ft wide, and 3 ft deep. The location of the modular classroom building will be constructed on a vacant lot that is used as overflow parking. The location of the driveway will convert a xeriscape area adjacent to the apparatus bay at the fire station located at Visalia headquarters.

**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 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no 15300.2. Exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. 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 CAL FIRE Tulare Headquarters at 1986 South Lovers Ln Visalia, CA.

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