

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Radio Tower & Equipment Vault, California State Prison - Corcoran

PROJECT LOCATION(S): Corcoran State Prison, 4001 King Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212

Description Of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries Of Project: The project includes a radio communications system with the required infrastructure to support a new radio tower, associated radio equipment, a new radio communications vault and security fencing to surround both the tower and vault. The vault will include electrical, network and climate control capabilities, connection to emergency backup power, and an interruptible power supply. The vault will also be equipped with wireless monitoring with smoke and intrusion detection systems. The project will include a lightning dissipation system for the tower structure as well as radial grounding conductor system for inside the vault structure. The system will also require an emergency diesel back-up generator with self-contained fuel tank with a continuous leak detection system. The radio tower and vault are considered essential services. The structures will be designed to support emergency communication networks, should the need arise in the future. Work will occur within previously disturbed areas that are not considered environmentally and/or historically significant.

Name Of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Name Of Person Or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

EXEMPT STATUS:


- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption Class 3, CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New construction)

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 3" (14 CCR §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. The project site's location does not include any environmental feature indicating that it is sensitive, nor is the project site listed on any governmental list of sites with a prior release of hazardous materials. For these reasons, the project is declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for preparing an environmental document.

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