

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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| PROJECT TITLE | Boulevard Fire Station Lease | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | 40080 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard, CA 91905 | COUNTY | San Diego |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of leasing an existing fire station. The station is located at 40080 Ribbonwood Road (State Highway 94), Boulevard, CA 91905. The facility is owned by the County of San Diego and CALFIRE personnel have been occupying the space under a cooperative agreement. The lease will memorialize the agreement to continue providing fire protection from the current fire station. No improvements are proposed.

The fire station houses 9 personnel in shifts (6 firefighters and 3 fire captains) with staff on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergency response.

The fire station is in the southeastern portion of San Diego County in a rural high desert area along the Mexican border. Surrounding land consists of vacant open high desert chaparral and scattered residents.

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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