

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of General Services  
707 Third Street  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

**Project Title:** CalFire Kneeland Parcel Acquisitions

**Project Location – Specific:** CA-Highway 299 and Snow Camp Road at Lord Ellis Summit

**Project Location – City:** Seven miles northeast of the City of Blue Lake

**Project Location – County:** Humboldt

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project proposes to acquire property (APN 316-111-006-000, 316-115-006-000 & 316-116-001-000), approximately 56 acres, in the County of Humboldt, State of California to serve as the future location for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection relocation facility for the Kneeland-Helitack Base.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Department of General Services

**Exempt Status:**

- Common Sense Exemption 15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial (§ 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The acquisition activity is exempt under the common sense exemption at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). This exemption states, a project is exempt from CEQA "[w]here it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15004, Subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, "agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance."

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