



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Woodlake Fire Station Improvements		
PROJECT LOCATION	35802 Olivera Drive Woodlake, CA 93286	COUNTY	Tulare
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection proposes to install a training tower, a carport, and helicopter pad at the Woodlake Fire Station, 35802 Olivera Drive, Woodlake, CA 93286. The location of the work is within the developed area of the station grounds, where excavation and grading has occurred in the past, leaving little native vegetation or soil development. The training tower will be 40ft x 36ft x 30ft tall on a concrete slab with up to 6 ft deep x 3 ft wide and 36 ft long anchors for additional structural support, excess soil will be properly disposed of by the contractor. Prior to laying new concrete, the existing pavement will be demolished and removed, and the ground will be leveled to ensure the quality of the foundation. A concrete slab will be installed for a carport to house a dozer transport and dozer. The concrete slab will be approximately 75 ft x 25 ft with anchors for the carport. The helicopter pad will be 100ft x 100ft, the ground will be leveled and compacted prior to the building of the pad. The pad will house an additional helicopter in the unit. Installation activities are anticipated to take approximately 5-6 months to complete all projects.

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 portions of §15303 New Construction of Small Structures; Class 3(d). The project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department 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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 1968 S Lovers Ln Visalia, CA 93292.

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