



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Butte Unit Chico Air Attack Base Barracks Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Chico Air Attack Base 1335 Fortress St, Chico, CA 95973	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes three soil borings (20-40 ft below surface), geotechnical investigation (3 pits 8 ft deep by 8 ft long), the building of a foundation, barracks (4,192 sq ft), and associated utilities in underground lines. Utility lines in conduit will be laid in a trench that is approximately 5 ft deep, and 280 ft long. The existing fence and gate will be demolished. Parking and access areas will be graded and paved with 4-inch of asphalt over 8-inch aggregate base with a total area to be paved of less than one acre. Additionally, curb/gutters/sidewalks, site lighting, site fencing, landscaping, and irrigation will be constructed. The Chico Air Attack Base is in an industrial park associated with an airport surrounded by grassland at an elevation of 251 feet. The project area is approximately 300 ft from the Chico Municipal Airport runway. Construction is estimated to take approximately 12 months.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 3
§15303 New Construction or
Conversion of Small Structures
- 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 Class 3 of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas and on an active Air Attack Base.

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 or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Office, 6640 Steiffer Rd, Magalia CA 95954.

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