

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	North County Fire District Fallbrook Dozer Storage Lease		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	2309 Rainbow Valley Boulevard, Fallbrook, CA 92028	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Diego
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of leasing property to utilize an existing dozer barn to store a CAL FIRE dozer. The dozer barn is located on an existing active North County Fire Protection District Fire Station. The station is located at 2309 Rainbow Valley Boulevard, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

The lease will be active for 12 years and will consist of approximately 1,560 sf of dozer storage barn space. The space is necessary to accommodate new equipment and expanded services for fire suppression activities. No other improvements are proposed.

**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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