

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	Yolo County Cool Schools		
PROJECT LOCATION	Yolo County	COUNTY	Yolo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

There are 10 total campuses that will receive extensive landscape renovations to be determined after engagement and design. Renovations could include a custom outdoor classroom, nature trail, nature playground, butterfly or rain gardens and extensive tree planting. Each campus will receive between 50-200 trees (majority #15). The planting site will be prepared by a one-person auger, excavating the holes approximately 30" wide x 13" deep, but each hole will be dug specific to that tree's root ball. A planting plan will be developed prior to ensure that the trees and plants are suited to that space and will not interfere with power lines, solar structures, utility lines, or other underground services. Tree holes will be hand dug in sensitive areas determined by prior analysis of site. Both a certified arborist, civil engineer and landscape architect will review plans. Trees will be planted to support water shed management and mitigate flooding.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 meets the requirements of Class 4 Categorical Exemption (Minor Alterations to Land) Section 15304. Project implementation will result in alterations to the land that are best described as minor in scope. It has been concluded that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant adverse environmental impacts will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, 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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, or wildfire risk. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento.

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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director Date
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