

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Mail Stop: A-33  
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Attn: Jobell Rusit  
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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368  
County of San Diego  
General Services  
Attn: Marcus Lubich  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

State Clearinghouse

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Lease Between the County of San Diego and State of California – 24102 Highway 76 Santa Ysabel

Project Location: 24102 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, California 92070 (APN:136-210-06-00)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of General Services,  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Lease for Cal Fire's exclusive use of the purpose of operating and maintaining the grounds, office buildings, residential buildings, storage buildings, dining hall, exercise facilities, maintenance buildings and parking lot at the Camp Fox Fire Center by CAL Fire 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (no exceptions). The Lease also allows the Lessee to construct, re-design, or alter the property and structures, and install other minor improvements upon review and approval of the County of San Diego. The Lease term is four years, commencing on October 1, 2024.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: September 20, 2024

County Contact Person: Kelley Bernard-James

Telephone: (619) 932-8929

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of General Services has approved the above-described project on October 9, 2024, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301: Existing Facilities, 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction, 15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and 15304: Minor Alterations to Land
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The lease between the County of San Diego and State of California, acting by and through the Director of the Department of General Services (DGS) on behalf of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) collectively (the State) is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities, as it consists of leasing, interior and exterior alterations, and rehabilitation of an existing fire center involving no expansion of existing or former use. The lease is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction as it involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures on the same site as the replaced structure and having the same purpose. The lease is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures as it consists of lease allowing for construction of a limited number of new, small structures, installation of equipment in small structures, and conversion of existing small structures. The lease is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15304 as it consists of minor alterations (fuel modification, trenching/backfilling, grading on less than 10% slopes) in the condition of land and vegetation that doesn't involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees. Further, no exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Marcus Lubich Telephone: 858-414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.