

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Fox Fire Center Acquisition		
PROJECT LOCATION	24102 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of acquiring 20.9 acres of property with existing structures and parking lot located at 24102 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070. The Fox Fire Center houses hand and fire engine crews with corresponding fire fighters, fire captains, fire apparatus engineers, and battalion chiefs (approximately 102 staff).

CAL FIRE has been leasing and occupying this property as a Fire Center since March of 2022. The property was owned by the San Diego County School District but has recently been transferred to San Diego County. In an effort to continue operation of the Fox Fire Center, CAL FIRE will acquire the property from the county. No improvements are being proposed at this time.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- §15061 (b)(3): Common Sense Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- 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 CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3): Common Sense Exemption. The proposed acquisition qualifies under the common-sense exemption. This exemption states that, "[w]here it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

The acquisition is of an existing developed facility that has been used by CAL FIRE for several years. No new development will occur. 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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