

Notice of Exemption

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County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

From: Merced County
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Project Title: El Nido Fire Station No. 83 Replacement

Project Applicant: County of Merced

Project Location: Located on the southwest corner of West El Nido Road and South Highway 59/State Route 59 in the El Nido area in unincorporated Merced County, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 074-110-036, addressed 10537 South Highway 59 El Nido, CA 95317.

Project City: El Nido **Project County:** Merced County

Project Description:

The project proposes to replace existing Fire Station No. 83 (the "El Nido Fire Station") with a new 8,400-square foot fire station. The new fire station would include a 4,200-square foot apparatus bay, 1,100 square feet of apparatus support space, and 3,100 square feet of living and office space. The project would also involve the demolition of the existing 1,470-square foot fire station and construction/installation of site improvements, including but not limited to, parking and landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Merced

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: County of Merced

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 145269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 ("Existing Facilities"), 15302 ("Replacement or Reconstruction"), 15303 ("New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures"), 15304 ("Minor Alterations to Land"),

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Other _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would involve the replacement of the existing Fire Station No. 83 with a new 8,400 square foot fire station facility plus driveway and parking lot improvements, and landscaping. The proposed project would also include the demolition of the existing fire station which would remain in operation during construction of the new fire station and would be demolished after construction of the new fire station is completed. The new fire station would be located at the same site and footprint as the existing fire station, meeting the requirement for replacement of structures located on the same site. The purpose of the proposed fire station would be identical to the existing fire station structure use. The existing station serves as a fire facility to house fire engines, emergency service vehicles, and staff firefighters. While the facility would be considered an increase in built area, the new facility is intended to address existing demand and meet current standards for fire stations rather than expand for growth. Therefore, the capacity remains substantially the same, with negligible or no expansion.

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Date Received for filing: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code