



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Boys Ranch Acquisition		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	14049 Boys Ranch Road Folsom, CA 95630	<b>COUNTY</b>	Sacramento
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE is proposing to purchase 141 acres of real property with existing structures, parking lot, two well sites, and associated access and utility easements. The purchase is in anticipation of providing the Amador-El Dorado Unit with a permanent site for future firefighters and administrative staff.

CAL FIRE has not approved any other development or modifications on the site. Future actions will undergo a complete environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Common Sense Exemption §15061(b)(3)
- 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 acquisition activity is exempt under the common-sense exemption at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). This exemption states, a project is exempt from CEQA "[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 land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15004, Subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, "agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance." Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE building located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director  
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