

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	Nevada City Lease		
PROJECT LOCATION	354 Providence Mine Road, Unit# 4 Nevada City, CA 95959	COUNTY	Nevada
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Nevada-Sierra-Placer Unit (NEU) is proposing to lease approximately 1,753 sf of office space within an existing building located at 354 Providence Mine Road in Nevada City. This lease is necessary as the existing lease located at 143 B Spring Hill Drive in Grass Valley (approximately 4 miles away) is not able to be re-negotiated. The office space will be utilized by approximately 10 employees (Staff Chief, Foresters, Environmental Scientists, and Forestry Assistants) that will perform administrative and forestry related services for the CAL FIRE’s Wildlife Resiliency and Forest Health Programs.

No tenant improvements are proposed.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1, Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- 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 fits under Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 projects consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, *leasing*, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project consists of entering into a new lease for office space within an existing building.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department 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, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director Date
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