



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Oroville Warehouse Space (Butte Unit HQ)		
PROJECT LOCATION	2305B and 2309 Veatch Street, Oroville, CA 95965	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of leasing auto shop space for CAL FIRE equipment and fire engines. Currently, the engines and equipment are located at 176 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, CA, 95965.

CAL FIRE is in the process of reconstructing the Butte Unit Headquarters located at 176 Nelson Avenue. All buildings will be demolished and reconstructed over a period of approximately two to three years. New auto shop/storage space will be leased during that period. The new location is at 2305B and 2309 Veatch Street, Oroville, CA 95965 and includes two warehouse areas totaling approximately 4,600 square feet. Minor improvements to the interior will occur to accommodate a forestry equipment manager, two heavy equipment mechanics and two fire equipment operators.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 §15301(a) 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

The project consists of leasing and renovating existing warehouse space that is within an existing industrial area. The office will be occupied by five CAL FIRE employees. 14 CCR Section 15301, Class 1 consists 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This project fall under 15301(a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

CAL FIRE staff has determined that no exceptions apply which 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, 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, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 1300 U Street, Sacramento, CA, 95818.

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