

**Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters Replacement Project
Notice of Determination**

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Office of Planning and Research
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FROM:

State of California Department of Forestry and Fire
Protection (CAL FIRE)
Sacramento Headquarters
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SUBJECT:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters Replacement Project

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Project Approval: CAL FIRE approved the Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters Replacement Project on February 17, 2015.

Project Location: The Project is located at the Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters (Butte FS and UHQ) in the City of Oroville, Butte County, California at 176 Nelson Avenue, Oroville, California 95965

Project Description:

Demolition of Existing Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters

Site demolition would include all buildings on-site except for the two Emergency Command Center (ECC) buildings and the ECC tower located in the northeast corner of the Project site. In addition to building demolition, the existing hose rack, fuel tanks and propane tanks, all existing utilities and appurtenances including water distribution lines, sewer lines, and gas lines, and existing concrete retaining walls, asphalt concrete paving and concrete sidewalks would be removed. A utility pole located on the eastern boundary would also be relocated. Lastly, clearing, grubbing, and tree removal would occur as required within the limits of the Project site.

New Butte Fire Station and Unit Headquarters

After demolition, a new fire station and unit administrative headquarters complex would be constructed. New facilities would include: administrative building, three-bay fire apparatus building, 20-bed barracks/mess hall, warehouse/service center, two-bay dozer shed, auto shop, covered vehicle wash rack with filtration system, maintenance support building, physical fitness building, a generator/storage building, a fire pump test pit and several other site improvements.

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Other Site Improvements

A six-foot-high chain-link fence with barbed wire would be installed around portions of the perimeter, with sliding auto gates at all entrances/exits. A free-standing fuel island would be located north of the warehouse/service center and would contain an 8,000-gallon tank, split for 4,000 gallons of diesel and 4,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline, and one 500-gallon, above-ground tank for E-85 ethanol. A 10,000-gallon, three-chambered fire pump test pit would be located in the northwestern portion of the site in between the vehicle wash rack and the auto shop. A 60-foot-long hose rack would be installed north of the administrative building and a new foundation for a radio tower would be located adjacent to the apparatus bay on the west. Other site improvements would include new landscaping and irrigation, pole-mounted site lighting and signage.

Utilities

New domestic and fire water distribution systems would be installed from the existing public systems in Nelson Avenue. Domestic and fire water connections are required for each building, and fire hydrants would be spaced throughout the Project site. Water service would be provided by Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD). New wastewater collection systems would be installed from the existing public systems in Nelson Avenue. Sewer service would be required for each building and would be provided by the City of Oroville. A new storm water collection system would be installed. The system would include an underground storm drain, drain inlets, drains connecting to building and downspouts, and a connection to the existing drainage system provided by the City of Oroville.

New underground electrical and telephone distribution systems would be installed in Nelson Avenue. The electrical systems would be extended from the new main switchboard at the generator/storage building to each building. Electricity service would be provided by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Telephone systems would originate at the new minimum point of entry (MPOE) at the administrative building and would connect to each building. Telephone service would be provided by American Telegraph and Telephone Company (AT&T). In addition, new underground raceways for electrical, lighting controls, security, fire alarm, and telephone/data systems would be installed. A new propane tank for the emergency generator and a new natural gas distribution system from the public utility located in Nelson Avenue would also be installed. Natural gas service would be provided by PG&E.

Grading and Paving

The site would first have a rough grade to level areas for the buildings, paving, and flatwork. New concrete paving for access drives and parking areas would be installed. New curbs, gutters, and sidewalks would be installed throughout the site and along Nelson Avenue and Del Oro Avenue. Five new retaining walls would be installed throughout the site. The first would be along the southern boundary of the site between the two entrances/exits off Nelson Avenue, the second also along the southern boundary from the central entrance/exit to the barracks, the third along the north side of the warehouse/service center and the administrative building, the fourth along the south side of the ECC Tower and ECC Buildings, and the fifth along the northern boundary from the vehicle wash rack to the generator/storage building. In addition, several temporary and permanent erosion control and sediment control measures would be installed throughout the site.

CAL FIRE, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

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1. There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;
2. In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been approved by CAL FIRE, which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento Headquarters, 1416 9th Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of CAL FIRE;
3. Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project;
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project; and
5. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration including comments and responses, the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, and record of project approval is available to the general public at: State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento Headquarters, 1416 9th Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814.



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