



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	CAL FIRE Academy – Portable Dormitory Construction		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE Academy 4501 State Highway 104 Ione, CA 95640-9705	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	CAL FIRE		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

With a recent increase in training needs the CAL FIRE Academy has temporarily exceeded its current dormitory space. The project is being proposed to temporarily fill the need for dormitory space until a new dormitory can be built (currently proposed to be completed in 2016). The proposed project would temporarily locate two (2) portable dormitory buildings in an existing parking area at the CAL FIRE Academy in Ione California. The portable dormitories will be leased and would each house 8 students (16 total), would include a bathroom/shower in each unit, and the site would provide parking spaces for their vehicles. The one story portable dormitory buildings will be 24' X 60' (1,440 sq. ft.) in size for a total of 2,880 sq. ft. of living space. The area that will be associated with the buildings will be approximately 90'X 360' (32,400 sq. ft.), which is approximately .74 acres in size. There will be approximately 24 parking spaces established in conjunction with these buildings. There will also be approximately 150 lineal feet of ditch that will be needed to connect to existing sewer/water and approximately 400 feet of ditch for power lines. The ditches will be approximately 24-36" in depth and no more than 12" wide (550 sq. ft.), which is approximately .0125 acres of disturbed area. The total amount of disturbed ground will be approximately 0.7525 acres in size.

Construction will require the re-grading of the project area to get the building area level and to get the site to drain correctly. There will be no shrubs or trees removed during the grading as the project site is an existing parking area. The project site will drain away from a Class II watercourse (which is approximately 125 feet to the north) and into a large grass field areas west of the project site. It is anticipated that a "V" ditch will be established around the east side of the project to aid in draining water across the road (west side of the project) through an existing 10" metal pipe. The ditch will have rock bags and straw waddles placed to filter silt from entering it if needed. The project areas will have a permeable surface applied after the buildings are in place where the parking places are needed and to create a walking surface around the buildings. The building will be placed on temporary pier foundations that will meet all seismic standards. No soil will leave the site or be stockpiled elsewhere during the project. During the construction phase industry standard Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be utilized as erosion control measures. The BMP's to be utilized in the work area will include silt fencing, waddles, and straw mulching as deemed necessary and depending on the current 48 hour weather forecast. Upon completion of the construction phase of the project the area any exposed soil will be mulched and seeded with native grasses and forbs to construction industry standards to aid in stabilization and to help prevent soil erosion. The site preparation phase will take 5 days after initiation, while the actual building construction/relocation may take up to 1 month to complete.

EXEMPTION STATUS



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- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 within the descriptions of Class 4 Categorical Exemptions to CEQA and will not result in a significant impact upon the environment. Prior to making this determination, CalFire staff completed a limited environmental review to confirm that no unusual conditions or sensitive resources exist at the project site. Documentation of this environmental review is on file at the CalFire Academy and at CalFire Headquarters in Sacramento.

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