



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Delta Conservation Camp Basic Officer Quarters Construction		
PROJECT LOCATION	T4N, R1E, Sec. 3, Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian (38° 13.031, -121° 50.908)	COUNTY	Solano
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Delta Conservation Camp, located at 6246 Lambie Road in Suisun City, is planning to build a new Basic Officer Quarters (BOQ) in order to provide improved living quarters for on-duty fire captains. The structure will be one-story and approximately 1600 square feet. It will be manufactured off-site and then assembled at the conservation camp by inmate crews that live at the camp. The assembly is expected to take approximately three months. The only heavy equipment used during the project will be a backhoe to dig the foundation footings. The proposed project area is adjacent to a paved parking lot and is currently used as an overflow parking area. It is surfaced with approximately six to eight inches of gravel and has some underground utilities already in place. The small juniper and ornamental hardwood trees surrounding the project area have been planted by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) staff since the camp's creation in 1987. While some of the planted trees may be disturbed during project activities, no native plants or trees are present and will therefore not be disturbed as part of the project. Some trenching will occur associated with the construction of the foundation, new utilities, and sewer. The surrounding area is rolling prairie hills with annual grasses. The adjacent property to the east was at one time owned by the Department of Health Services and is currently a storage facility. The adjacent property to the west is open range land.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 §15303
New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- 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 construction of one new small structure to be used as a private residence, which fits the description for a Class 3, §15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff 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 utilities and service systems.

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