



State of California  
 The Natural Resources Agency  
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** Fresno Kings Unit Headquarters Tree Removal

**PROJECT LOCATION** 210 South Academy Avenue  
 Sanger, CA 93657 **COUNTY** Fresno  
 Section 11 T14S R22E MDB&M

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This tree removal project will involve cutting trees throughout the 4 acre headquarters compound that have been designated by a Registered Professional Forester or Certified Arborist to be dead, dying or likely to die within 1 year, or that present a hazard to personnel or infrastructure. Trees will be felled with chain saws by CAL FIRE hand crews, paid staff, or a contractor. Material will be removed from the site. Some material may be chipped.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 CCR §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 meets the requirements of CEQA Categorical Exemptions, 15304- minor alterations to land, Class 4- consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project is small in size, has minimal ground disturbance and will not result in significant effects on biological or archeological resources. The site location has been reviewed by a Registered Professional Forester for potential environmental impacts. 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 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.

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*Helge Eng* 12/7/15

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Helge Eng, Deputy Director Date  
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