



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 Fiber Optic Cable Installation Project

PROJECT LOCATION Section 11 T14S R22E MDB&M **COUNTY** Fresno

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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This fiber optic cable installation project will occur at the Fresno Kings Unit administrative headquarters compound and involves trenching for approximately 500' to accommodate fiber optic cable. Cable will be run from an existing Verizon manhole-pull box at the NW corner of the compound, paralleling the north property line to another pull box and continuing into the existing telecom room adjacent to the standby generator. The trench will be roughly 24" deep and 12" wide. Fiber optic cable encased in 2" PVC will be placed in the trench. Trench spoil will be mounded adjacent to the trench and immediately backfilled and compacted once the PVC pipe is dropped in. An inmate crew will be used to do the digging and backfilling. Coring of existing cement pull boxes will be accomplished by hand utilizing an electric drill fitted with a water-cooled diamond core drill bit.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 CCR §15303(d)-- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures-- Utility Extensions
- 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))

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 that 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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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