



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Gordon Valley Fire Station Dozer Shed Construction		
PROJECT LOCATION	Township 6N, Range 2W, Section 30, Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian (38° 20.175, -122° 7.263)	COUNTY	Napa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE is planning to construct an equipment shelter (dozer shed) at the Gordon Valley Fire Station located at 1345 Wooden Valley Cross Road in Napa County. The shelter will house a bulldozer and transport that was transferred to Gordon Valley from CAL FIRE's Spanish Flat Station at 4454 Berryessa Knoxville Road, also in Napa County. The equipment was transferred to the Gordon Valley Station in 2014 after a reevaluation of operational needs indicated that the new location would allow faster response times to the majority of vegetation fires within the Unit and the Santa Clara Unit to the south. The dozer is currently stored outside in a gravel area that requires a multi-point turn to stage the transport. The construction of the new dozer shed will protect the equipment from the elements and create a more effective location for mechanics to service the dozer and transport. Up to four small liquidambar trees will be removed along the narrow driveway to reduce the angle of the turn and allow the transport to enter and exit via a loop instead of turning around. One medium-sized non-native hardwood tree along the loop may be removed if the branches are too low for the dozer and transport to travel beneath. During construction of the dozer shed, the degraded encroachment apron will be repaved where the driveway joins the street. The shelter will be 14 feet wide by 65 feet long by 14 feet tall, for an area of 910 square feet. The shelter will be open-sided with a metal roof and a concrete floor. Construction is expected to take five days. Construction work for the dozer shed and repaving of the encroachment apron will be completed by CAL FIRE equipment operators, hired equipment operators, and CAL FIRE inmate hand crews. Equipment and personnel time for construction of the dozer shed is expected to consist of three days with a backhoe, grader, and dump truck; five days with a forklift and one 20-person crew from CAL FIRE's Delta Conservation Camp; and one day with a concrete truck. The repaving of the encroachment apron is expected to require two days with a backhoe, grader, dump truck, paving machine, roller, and one 20-person crew from CAL FIRE's Delta Conservation Camp.

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 open-walled structure to be used as an equipment storage area, 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 that 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 and 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 and traffic, or utilities and service systems.

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