



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Hollister Air Attack Base Water Line Realignment Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	2300 San Felipe Road, Hollister, CA	COUNTY	San Benito
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will reroute an existing water line with a tee into two separate water lines from the water main. The project will entail digging the existing water line, stopping the tee, and placing new pipe from the water main. This will allow the barracks at the air attack base to have a separate water line from the connection to the retardant mixing area of the base.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Classes § 15301 Maintenance of Existing Facilities, § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
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- 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 Class 1 Categorical Exemption described in state law (14 CCR Section 15301) pertaining to maintenance of existing facilities and the 4 Categorical Exemption described in state law (14 CCR Section 15304) pertaining to minor alterations to land, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Prior to reaching this conclusion, however, the Department first conducted an initial study and environmental analysis to confirm that no *Exceptions* exist at the project site which would preclude the use of a Categorical Exemption. The possible exceptions that lead agencies must consider include (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource (see CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2). This project involves realignment of a water line at the Hollister Air Attack Base at the Hollister Airport. 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 impacts would occur. Documentation on the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's San Benito-Monterey Unit Headquarters.

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