



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Monte Vista HQ Erosion Control Retaining Wall		
PROJECT LOCATION	2249 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon, CA SW ¼, Section 30, T16S, R1E, SBBM	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description;

This project proposes excavation, placement and backfill of 380 linear feet of stack block retaining wall ranging in height from one to three feet within the San Diego Unit Headquarters property as detailed below. This project will significantly reduce or eliminate an existing storm water erosion problem that the Department has received citations for in the past.

This project will involve the excavation of approximately 27 cubic yards of barren disturbed soils along the 380-foot length of the proposed wall and the removal of one non-native Eucalyptus tree to facilitate wall placement. Removed soils will be compacted on site, inside the wall. Four to six inches of gravel bed will be placed along and under the length of wall to facilitate proper drainage. Keystone stacked block will be set in place ranging from approximately one foot in height to a maximum of 3 feet in height to mirror existing grade. Previously removed soils will be back filled behind the wall to match the adjacent grade. The re-contoured area will be covered with landscape mulch. The project will take place on CAL FIRE owned and controlled property located within the San Diego Operational Unit Headquarters (Monte Vista) compound. The project is on previously disturbed site barren of any vegetation adjacent to Jamacha Road. All work will be performed by CAL FIRE employees.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 3 or 4 15303 (e) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):** 15302 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 descriptions of two Categorical Exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines. These are Class 3 pertaining to new construction and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, California Natural Diversity Database search, greenhouse gas emission calculations, and an archaeological investigation completed by a CAL FIRE Archaeologist. All work to be performed under this exemption is classified as new construction or minor alteration to the land.

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/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. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

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