



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE**            **Law Enforcement Evidence Sheds**

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018; 2420 Airport Way, Fortuna, CA 95540; 697-345 Highway 36, Susanville, CA 96130; 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena, CA 94574; 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490; 13760 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603; 15670 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037; 875 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001; 1809 Fair Lane, Yreka, CA 96097; 604 Antelope Blvd, Red Bluff, CA 96080.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Santa Cruz, Humboldt, Lassen, Napa, Mendocino, Placer, Santa Clara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama Counties
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**LEAD AGENCY**            California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project encompasses the placement of 10 pre-constructed evidence sheds either on existing asphalt, cement or gravel, and grading to level a site for installation of a cement foundation. The location of the project includes 9 Cal Fire Unit Headquarters sites and 1 Cal Fire Air Attack Base site. All project locations are existing Cal Fire facilities which require minor to no ground disturbance for the foundation. Constructed foundations will be to a maximum of 14' by 28'. Minor trenching will occur to install underground electric to the storage sheds. The evidence sheds are 12' by 24' Tuff Sheds™ which are constructed by the manufacturer and assembled on site and placed on the foundations. Cal Fire Unit staff have evaluated the project and reported that no environmental effects are identified.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption    Type/Section: Class 3, 4<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption (state code section):<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))<br><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | <b>15303 (e) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures</b><br><b>15304 (a) and (f) Minor Alterations to Land</b> |
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**REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

This project fits within the Class 3 and 4 of Categorical Exemptions described in the CEQA Guidelines. No unusual circumstances exist on this project which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption. 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. If cultural resources are discovered during trenching or grading operations, the operator shall cease work and contact the Northern Region Staff Archeologist. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Northern Region Headquarters, 6105 Airport Road, Redding, Ca 96001.

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