

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Call Mountain Property Exchange		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Call Mountain – T23; R8E; Section 23; MDBM	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Benito
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	CAL FIRE		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CAL FIRE currently leases property from a landowner on Call Mountain that has been improved with telecommunication facilities. The lease is set to expire, and it has been determined that a land transfer would be preferred to continue optimal communication requirements. The project proposes to transfer property owned by CAL FIRE (APN 027-170-011 and a portion of APN 027-170-010) to an adjacent landowner in exchange for the leased property that is of similar value (Portion of APN 027-170-010). The CAL FIRE property consists of 1.3± acres, is zoned Agricultural Rangeland (AR), and is improved with a cistern and dilapidated lookout tower. The adjacent leased property consists of 1.0± acres, is improved with telecommunication facilities, and is also zoned AR. No improvements are proposed as a part of this property exchange.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class

Statutory Exemption (state code section):

**§15061 (3) Common Sense Exemption**

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 above-listed exemption in the CEQA Guidelines as the project consists of an “as-is” property transfer and no improvements are proposed. CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE 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 the CAL FIRE Technical Services office located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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