



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Rincon Fire Station (FS) Temporary Station		
PROJECT LOCATION	16160 Hwy 76, Pauma Valley, California 92061 (Portion of SW1/4 Sec15, T10S, R1W, SBBM)	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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This project proposes the establishment of a temporary facility to house the apparatus equipment and crew of the Rincon FS until the replacement of the existing fire station is completed. To accomplish this project the following activities will be required:

- Establishment of overhead electrical connection requiring excavation of 4 pole holes 20-inches wide by 30-inches in depth, placement of poles and backfill with spoils spread on site.
- Minor leveling of approximately 1/3 acre of land requiring less than 12-inches of cut or fill.
- Placement of approximately 100-feet of boxed above ground water line.
- Placement of approximately 100 yards of ¾-inch crushed rock on driveway approach and parking area to be spread to 4-inch depth covering approximately 8,000 square foot of surface area.
- Placement of 28-foot wide by 60-foot-long temporary crew quarters and 24-foot wide by 25-foot-long temporary office building to be set on temporary pier supports.
- Placement of four compartment self-contained above ground septic holding system.
- Placement of 12-foot wide by 35-foot-long apparatus shade structure to be secured with driven pins.

All work will take place on private owned lands leased to CAL FIRE and will be performed by local Unit CAL FIRE Staff using hand tools and CAL FIRE owned skid steer tractor. The Temporary Rincon FS is located at 16160 Hwy 76, in the community of Rincon California. The location is bordered by a USPS station on the south and a community church on the north with open fields to the east and west. This general area consists light commercial, agricultural operations, isolated residences and ranches scattered throughout the area.

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 is consistent with Categorical Exemption: 15303, Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. After completing an environmental analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, a CNDDDB search, greenhouse gas emission calculations, and archaeological review completed by CAL FIRE Archaeological staff. 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, energy, 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, utilities and service systems or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is retained on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

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