

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: April 10, 2019

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CAL FIRE POTRERO STATION (#31) RELOCATION PROJECT**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is the Lead Agency for the proposed CAL FIRE Potrero Station (#31) Relocation Project (Proposed Project). CAL FIRE has directed the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of an IS/MND is to provide decision makers, public agencies, and the general public with an objective and informative document that facilitates a basic understanding of the Proposed Project and fully discloses the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Project, including direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects. CAL FIRE will use the IS/MND to obtain permits, agreements, and approvals from necessary agencies to implement the project.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located on Round Potrero Road in the unincorporated community of Potrero, California approximately one mile north of CA-94, within Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 653-100-21.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would involve the relocation and replacement of the existing CAL FIRE Station located at 25130 CA-94, Potrero, California. The project involves design and construction of a new fire station and accompanying facilities. The facility would include a mess hall, 12 bed barracks, a three-bay apparatus building, and a pump storage building with a generator. Appurtenance facilities to be constructed on the new project site include a fuel dispensing system, fuel vault, vehicle wash rack, and a flammable material storage building. The Proposed Project would also include on-site improvements such as grading, drainage, paving, walkways, curbs, roads, well drilling and domestic water system with tank storage, septic system, electrical, telephone, irrigation, lighting, fencing, and landscaping.

The Proposed Project would include site preparation, utility extensions and connections, water well, pipelines and 10,000-gallon domestic water storage tank, a 50,000-gallon fire/water irrigation storage tank, septic system, above-ground vehicle fuel storage, propane tanks and lines, sustainable design onsite storm water management features and solar photovoltaic panels, security fencing, and all necessary appurtenances including driveways and interior roads. An overflow parking area is proposed in the southeastern corner of the complex to accommodate increased staff and equipment during a major fire event.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, transportation/traffic, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, CAL FIRE has established a 30-day public review period beginning April 10, 2019 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND.

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To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on May 9, 2019 to:

Attn: Stephanie Coleman, Senior Environmental Planner
PO Box 989052 - MS509
West Sacramento, CA 95798

Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND may also be submitted electronically no later than May 9, 2019 to the following electronic mailbox:

environmental@dgs.ca.gov

Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following locations:

Potrero Branch Library
24883 Potrero Valley Rd.
Potrero, CA 91963
(619) 478-5978

Potrero CAL FIRE Station #31
25130 Highway 94
Potrero, CA 91963
(619) 478-5544

The Draft IS/MND is available for public review online at the following website:

<http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA>



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Figure 1. Project Location

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