



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE L. A. MORAN REFORESTATION CENTER NURSERY RESTORATION AND FACILITY UPGRADE

PROJECT LOCATION 5800 CHILES ROAD, DAVIS, CA 95618

**COUNTY
 YOLO**

LEAD AGENCY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The L. A. Moran Reforestation Center ("LAMRC") is in the City of Davis in Yolo County. As part of LAMRC operations CALFIRE operates and maintains a seed bank that is utilized by public agencies, industrial timberland companies, and private citizens. LAMRC at one time also operated a nursery, but it was closed in 2003 due to budget constraints. This project will reestablish nursery operations at LAMRC to provide seedlings for reforestation as part of CALFIRE's response to the tree mortality occurring in the Sierra and the increasingly regular catastrophic wildfires occurring on an almost annual basis. In addition to reestablishing the nursery program, upgrades to the seed bank and the LAMRC facility in general will occur. CALFIRE will be implementing several actions over the course of the next two years at the LAMRC. To re-establish the nursery and upgrade the facilities the following would occur: A new greenhouse/shadehouse (9,200 sf), restoration of two existing greenhouses, construction of a pre-fabricated tractor shed (40 x 40), construction of pre-fabricated de-winger shed (40 x 40), new shop (80 x 40), fertigation shed (12 x 12), electrical system upgrade, and extension of utilities (trenching).

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1, 14 CCR §15301-Existing Facilities
 Class 2, 14 CCR §15302-Replacement or Reconstruction
 Class 3, 14 CCR §15303-New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
 Class 4, 14 CCR §15304-Minor Alterations to Land
- 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

This project fits under portions of four classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). These classes are designated in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15301-15304. The project activities will all occur within previously disturbed or already areas or areas that house existing structures. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are best described as minor in scope.

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 or 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 or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 5950 Chiles Road, Davis, California 95618.

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