

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	La Cima Conservation Camp Emergency Access Road Repair Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	15108 Sunrise Highway Julian, CA 92036 N1/2 of SW¼, Section 23, T14S, R4E, SBBM	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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This project proposes the removal of a failed 36-inch primary galvanized pipe and a 16-inch secondary galvanized pipe located above the 36-inch pipe. The failed pipes will be replaced with one new 48-inch galvanized steel pipe. Due to the pipe failure and subsequent erosion, other necessary repairs will include: the roadway section, outflow of the pipe and the shoulder of the roadway. Work includes removal of an 8-foot-wide by 40-foot-long section of damaged asphalt road surface with spoils to be retained and reutilized at facility, removal of approximately 30 yards of soil, removal of existing failed 36-inch and 16-inch culverts, removal of damaged outfall head wall with natural rocks from head wall to be reutilized. Placement of new 48-inch culvert in two 20-foot sections with transit mix concrete seal to be poured in place, compaction of excavated soils around newly placed 48-inch culvert to 8-inches below existing road surface. Placement of 8-inch thick cement cap to existing road surface elevation to replace excavated portion of roadway requiring 8 yards of concrete and installation of concrete with salvaged rock façade placed on headwall requiring 2 yards of concrete.

All work will be performed by CAL FIRE employees and camp crews using CAL FIRE equipment including hand operated tools, front loader, and a rental excavator.

La Cima Conservation Camp is located at 15108 Sunrise Highway, approximately 4.25 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Cuyamaca in San Diego County. The project site is located on land owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation and leased to CAL FIRE and consists of: A CAL FIRE/CDC office building, officer's sleeping quarters, Inmate barracks, kitchen/mess hall, automotive shop, crew vehicle storage building, fuel house and warehouse and other small support structures. The surrounding environmental setting is comprised of steep, mountainous terrain, in montane chaparral with isolated stands of mixed conifer forest. La Cima Camp is in a rural area with controlled public access, and is accessed by a private road three miles from the Sunrise Highway.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption (state code section): 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 is contained within the descriptions of two Categorical Exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines: Class 1 pertaining to repair of existing facilities, and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. 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, 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 retained on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

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