



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Monte Vista HQ Prefabricated Office Building		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	2249 Jamacha Rd. El Cajon CA, 92019 SW ¼ of SW¼, Section 30, T16S, R1E, SBBM (Projected)	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Diego
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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This project proposes the placement of a prefabricated 20-foot by 40-foot office building on a permanent concrete foundation with walkways, planter box and utilities connection. This project is located next to existing office structure within existing driveway and dirt area at the San Diego Unit Headquarters property. Work includes removal of a 15-foot by 57-foot section of existing concrete driveway, excavation of 112 yards of soil for footings and site leveling with spoils to be recontoured into surrounding dirt areas, excavation of 30-feet of 3-foot deep utility trench, placement of utility apparatus and backfill of trench, setting of formboards and steel reinforcing bar, placement of 24 yards of transit mix concrete and haul in and placement of prefabricated building with electrical, sewer and water connections.

All work will take place on Cal Fire owned lands and will be performed by contractors under supervision of local Unit Cal Fire Staff. All mechanized equipment including skid steer tractor and excavator will be supplied by contractor.

Monte Vista HQ is located in the unincorporated community of Rancho San Diego, just south of the city of El Cajon, in San Diego County. The area is moderate residential with light commercial. The existing HQ facility contains multiple office buildings, auto shop, service center, fire station and emergency communications center.

**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**

The project is consistent with two Categorical Exemptions: 15303, Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and 15304, Class 4 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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