



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

2019120207

PROJECT TITLE	Alma Helitack Base Relocation Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	158 Cody Road, Mountain View, California, 94035	COUNTY	Santa Clara
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of relocating Alma Helitack Base (19650 Santa Cruz Highway in Los Gatos) by executing a lease for existing hangar space, apparatus bay space, and office building within Moffett Federal Airfield operated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Two existing modular buildings, (48'x 60' and 24'x 60') will be removed and replaced with two new modular buildings, and three future modular buildings (30'x70') will be assembled on existing paved areas to support expanded operations within the next year.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption** Type and Section: Class 1 and Class 3
 - Section 15301 – Existing Facilities
 - Section 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


This project consists of relocating the Alma Helitack Base by leasing existing hangar space, apparatus bay and two modular office buildings within an existing operational airfield. Two new modular buildings will be constructed in 2020 to accommodate the relocation and expansion of operations.

The leasing of existing structures falls under 14 CCR §15301: Existing Facilities, Class 1. Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, **leasing**, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The two new modular buildings fall under 14 CCR §15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3. Consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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, hazardous 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 the Alma Helitack Base, 19650 Santa Cruz Highway, Los Gatos, CA 95033.

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