

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
(CAL FIRE) Technical Services & Engineering  
1131 S Street  
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**Project Title:** CAL FIRE Acquisition of Siskiyou County Assessor Parcel Number 003-380-010

**Project Location – State Highway 97**

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated area (Macdoel)    **Project Location – County:** Siskiyou

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

CAL FIRE seeks to acquire approximately 36.7±-acre parcel located about 1.75 miles north of the unincorporated town of Macdoel, Siskiyou County, along the west side of State Highway 97. The acquisition will transfer ownership interests of land from the Truax Trust to the State of California under the jurisdiction of CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE is considering relocating Macdoel Fire Station to this property, but CAL FIRE has not approved any development or use of the site. Future actions, including development of the property, will undergo complete environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** CAL FIRE

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Jerry Leong, Capital Outlay Lands Analyst, CAL FIRE

**EXEMPT STATUS:** California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3): Common Sense Exemption

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:** The acquisition activity is exempt under the common sense exemption at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). This exemption states, a project is exempt from CEQA “[w]here it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.” The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15004, Subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, “agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency’s future use of the site on CEQA compliance.”

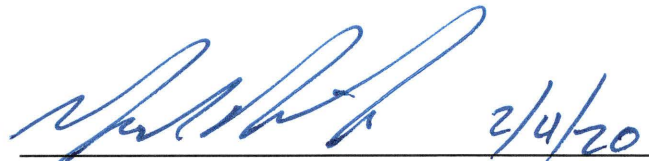
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