



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Puerta La Cruz CC Prefabricated Metal Storage Building 2020		
	2249 Jamacha Rd.		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	El Cajon CA, 92019	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Diego
	Projected as NW¼, Section 9, T10S, R3E, SBBM (Projected)		
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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This project proposes the installation of two 60-foot by 20-foot prefabricated metal storage buildings at Puerta La Cruz Camp. The buildings will be located adjacent to existing dozer barn and metal work shop within a concrete and asphalt covered area and will include 15-foot concrete aprons along length of new structures and 6-inch underground rain water drainage system. Work includes removal of 2200 square foot existing 6-inch thick concrete slab with removed materials re-utilized on site as rip-rap, removal of 1900 square foot deteriorated 2-inch asphalt drive with materials re-utilized in existing parking area, excavation of approximately 30 yards of soil with spoils recontoured into surrounding onsite dirt covered areas. Leveling of area for placement of cement slab, placement of wood form boards and re-enforcing steel. Excavation of rain water drain pipe trench 60-feet in length by 24-inches deep, placement of 6-inch underground rainwater drain pipe and back fill, Placement and finishing of 140-yards of transit mix concrete. Installation of two 60-foot by 20-foot prefabricated metal storage buildings.

Removal of existing slab and asphalt, grading and drainage system installation and forming and placement of concrete pad will be completed by CAL FIRE crews and personnel from Puerta La Cruz Camp under direction from Region staff. Installation of prefabricated metal storage buildings will be accomplished by a contractor.

The Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp is located at 32363 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California, approximately 30 miles southeast of Temecula and approximately 4 miles northwest of the small community of Warner Springs. There are isolated residences and ranches scattered throughout the area. The Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp is surrounded by steep rugged hills covered in dense chaparral.

**EXEMPTION STATUS**

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 3 and 4 15303, New Construction
- 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.

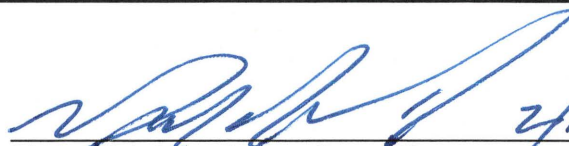
Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, 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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