



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	La Cima Conservation Camp Asphalt Repair 2020		
PROJECT LOCATION	15108 Sunrise Highway, Julian CA 92036 Rancho Cuyamaca Spanish Land Grant Projected as SW¼, of SE¼, Section 11, T14S, R4E, SBBM (Projected)	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 300-foot long by 24-foot wide section of existing, badly deteriorated, 2-inch thick asphalt roadway and replacement with 8-inch thick concrete roadway within the La Cima Conservation Camp main access road. Work includes saw cutting existing asphalt roadway, removal of approximately 720 square feet of 2-inch thick asphalt with removed materials re-utilized on site, excavation of 14-yard of soil to be spread along existing dirt roadway shoulders, leveling and compaction of excavated area, placement of form boards and placement and finishing of 180-yards of transit mix concrete.

Project work will be accomplished in two phases with one-half of roadway completed in each phase to allow camp access while curing of concrete takes place. Phases will be completed 14 days apart and each phase will take 5 days to complete. All work will be performed by CAL FIRE employees and camp crews using CAL FIRE equipment including hand operated tools, skid steer tractor and dump truck.

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 Conservation 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

The project is consistent with two Categorical Exemptions: 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, Repair or Minor Alterations 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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