



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Atwater Staff Housing Lease		
	3775 and 3785 Hospital Avenue		
PROJECT LOCATION	Atwater, CA 95301	COUNTY	Merced
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION
 The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing to lease approximately 11,040 sf of housing space in two buildings for housing permanent training staff in the unit. The buildings will house approximately 80 personnel. No tenant improvements are necessary.

- EXEMPTION STATUS**
- Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1, Section 15301 Existing Facilities
 - 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 fits under Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 projects consist 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 project consists of entering into a new lease for office space within an existing building.

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/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/ traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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