

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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

PROJECT TITLE	SCU Byron Lease		
PROJECT LOCATION	4491 Bixler Road Bryron, CA 94514	COUNTY	Contra Costa
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 an existing facility with approximately 16,756 sf distributed among five buildings. The space will be utilized for approximately 51 CAL FIRE personnel for fire suppression and other emergency incidents and will be utilized by both Contra Costa Fire Department and CAL FIRE. The space will be utilized year-round and will accommodate sleeping, eating, equipment storage, and training for all personnel. Interior tenant improvements will occur within the dormitory building to upgrade with restrooms and showers for staff.

- 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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