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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE	Witch Creek Fire Station Land Acquisition		
PROJECT LOCATION	26578 Old Julian Highway Ramona, CA 92065	**COUNTY**	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE is proposing to purchase an 8.37-acre parcel (APN 286-111-35-00) in unincorporated San Diego County. The parcel is developed with multiple structures (approximately 9,694 sf total), septic systems, wells, and water storage tanks. The property will be utilized to relocate the current Witch Creek Fire Station which is currently located approximately one mile northeast of the proposed relocation site.

CAL FIRE has not approved any other development or modifications on the site. Future actions will undergo a complete environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

EXEMPTION STATUS

☒ Common Sense Review for Exemption §15061 (b)(3)

☐ 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

The acquisition activity is exempt under the common-sense exemption in the 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 ownership to the State do not have the potential to cause significant effects on the environment. Any future changes on the site will be subject to CEQA review and analysis. Documentation of the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

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