

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Attachment A

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: San Diego County Fire
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: San Diego County Fire – Training Tower Project

Project Location: 11880 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA 91978

Project Applicant: San Diego County Fire, 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The project consists of the site work and assembly of a prefabricated fire training tower at the Fire Training Center.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Marc Regier **Telephone Number:** (619) 694-8305

Date Form Completed: March 25, 2026

This is to advise that the Director of San Diego County Fire has approved the above described project on **03/25/2026** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

- Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(c)]
 - Statutory Exemption. G Section:
 - Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4) and 15301, Existing Facilities (Class 1)
 - G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The assembly of a fire training tower at the Fire Training Center is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15304. Pursuant to Section 15303, the project is exempt because it involves the construction or assembly of small structures. The fire training tower has a total ground footprint of approximately 1,174 square feet and will be assembled on the existing 2.73 acres of the Fire Training Center. The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15304 Minor Alteration to Land as it involves the minor trenching and backfilling and minor alteration of land and vegetation on slopes less than 10 percent that does not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

None of the exceptions to the exemptions described in Section 15300.2 prohibit the use of the categorical exemption for the proposed projects and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. Any uses beyond existing uses of the property will be subject to funding and environmental review.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 857-7982

Name (Print) Monica Toledo Title: Program Coordinator

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego. This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.