

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

135 Portola Road Notice of Exemption, continued

The overall project is a proposed modernization of existing operations to comply with Department of Homeland Security requirements, modernize fire station safety measures and accessibility code requirements, and to upgrade sleeping accommodations for the current staffing at the facility.

Concerns about the presence of contamination based upon a historic underground storage tank (UST) have been addressed in that the County of San Mateo has issued a closure letter which found no further remediation required. To the extent there is any residual contamination located on the property prior to issuance of the grading permit, applicant will test soil and groundwater and employ best management practices to manage and dispose of any contaminated water and/or soil.

Removal of a large Coast Redwood Tree (59.8" DBH) is appropriate in that: (1) tree is in poor health condition due to moderate expression of drought stress and structural defects, (2) tree is susceptible to failure during inclement weather such as high heat or heavy winds; this failure could target the fire station or Portola Road, and (3) tree size and growth rate results in some risk of foundation damage to station with expanding root system.

Accordingly, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment and the project is thus exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3).