



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Diablo Range District
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

PROJECT TITLE: Fremont Peak Observatory Siding Replacement and Door Repair

LOCATION: Fremont Peak State Park

COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project will remove and replace the existing siding and repair and rehabilitate the south-side shutter on the Fremont Peak Observatory at Fremont Peak State Park to repair and prevent future water damage to the structure. Work will:

- Remove all shingles, nails, tarpaper, staples and all aged or rotten flashing;
- Remove and replace any plywood showing signs of dryrot or termite damage;
- Install a water resistant air barrier membrane and cover with new metal shake siding;
- Install roof and door flashing and caulk;
- Remove the south-side shutter on the Observatory and complete cosmetic and mechanical rehabilitation work;
- Remove a failing wood support beam and install a galvanized steel box beam;
- Reconfigure the pulley system to allow the shutter to open and close with ease;
- Add white heat reflective gravel to the roof to provide improved fire ember protection; and
- Install a garden lattice screen skirting around the base of the Observatory to provide improved ember protection and control access to the underside of the building.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Range District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1 Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels.

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