



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

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: Archaeological work at Taix Lot

LOCATION: San Juan Bautista State Historic Park

COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Issue an Archeological Collections Permit (DPR 412) to a PhD student from the University of California Santa Cruz, to conduct archaeological research using ground-penetrating radar. Secondly, collect botanical information from the site. Work will:

- Using GPR, produce multidimensional images of subsurface deposits without damage to resources;
- Use minimally invasive shovel test to see plant usage change of local Natives, disturbing about (150-200) liters of soil;

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:

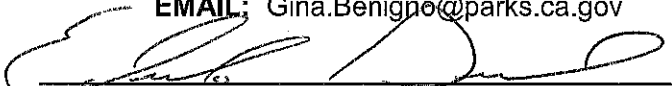
Categorical Exemption *Class: 4, 6 Section: 15304, 15306*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation, which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; included as "trenching and backfilling, where the surface is restored". In addition, project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; included as "Archaeological investigations by Department staff and permitted individuals/ universities" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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