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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

LEAD AGENCY: East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)

PROJECT TITLE: Civicorps Trail Maintenance Project Grant

PROJECT LOCATION: Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, Contra Costa County, CA

PROJECT APPLICANT: EBRPD, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to make repairs and improvements to the existing Miller/Knox trail network to satisfy Park District standards as directed. Improvements to natural surface trail tread and drainage features will include, but not be limited to: repairing and improving trail tread and drainage; vegetation clearance; and repair and replacement of structures such as steps/stairs, boardwalks, planking, puncheon, trail closure restoration, signage installation.

The project includes trails within the 163-acre Ridgeland Planning Area at Miller/Knox located on the east side of Dornan Drive. It features approximately four miles of hiking trails in open-space grassland intermixed with patches of scrubland and woodland.

DETERMINATION: EBRPD has reviewed the project and determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following exemptions:

- a. **14 CCR Section 15301(c) – Existing Facilities.** The project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use resulting from the implementation of this project.
- b. **14 CCR Section 15304 – Minor Alteration to Land.** The project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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