



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: Desert Olive Installation

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa
<https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9239934,-121.9405754,17.5z>

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install native Desert Olive trees in selected annual grassland habitat, adjacent to riparian woodlands along Mitchell Creek to increase native plant diversity, compete with invasive plants, and provide a food source and cover for wildlife. Work will:

- Use hand tools to dig (50) planting holes, up to 18” deep and twice the size of the root ball diameter (22” maximum width);
- Place one plant in each holes and backfill with excavated material, creating 4” wide and 4” high irrigation basin;
- Compact any excess soil around the planting site; and
- Water plants up to weekly during dry months.

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* *Section: 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as “resource management projects” and “stewardship projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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