



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:** Pine Creek Riparian Habitat Enhancement

**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park                      **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project will remove biomass and conduct follow up maintenance to eliminate dense understory of invasive Himalayan Blackberry, revegetate with native plants, and install protective fencing to enhance Pine Creek riparian forest habitat. Work will:

- Use chainsaws and hand tools to clear up to eight acres of Himalayan Blackberry;
- Use a mini-excavator to move and pile cut vegetation adjacent to roadway;
- Locate and prepare up to 5 pile burn locations.
- Dispose of cut vegetation transporting to offsite green waste facility, pile burning onsite, or leaving material onsite as habitat features;
- Reseed any bare ground with locally sourced native seed mix and plant-based tacifier;
- Perform follow up manual and chemical treatment of Himalayan Blackberry;
- Collect native seeds and cuttings to propagate up to 450 container plants which will be planted in late fall/ early winter season; and
- Install (1000) ft of split rail fencing and interpretive panel along State Coach Road.

**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:* 3 & 4                      *Section:* 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels, the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as “interpretive signing or panels” and “fencing”, and minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees and is included as a “resource management project” in the Department of Park and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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