



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:** Carnegie Defensible Space

**LOCATION:** Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area     **COUNTY:** Alameda/San Joaquin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implement vegetation management, modification, or removal throughout Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area to create defensible space for the protection of park infrastructure from potential wildfire damage. Up to 20 acres will be ‘treated’ annually. Proposed work is as follows:

- Within 30 feet of structures: remove all dead plants, grass and weeds and clear all tree branches within 10 feet of other trees or chimneys.
- Within 100 feet of structures: mow grasses to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- Within 130 feet of structures: fell dead trees, clear limbs to 10 feet from the ground and clear all downed woody fuel.

Vegetation management/modification/removal will take place via mechanical (mowing, discing, weed eating or chainsaw) or herbicidal means where use of mechanical equipment is deemed impractical and/or dangerous. Prior to proposed project activities past survey records will be reviewed and sites will be re-surveyed by qualified resource specialists. Herbicide application will occur in late winter and spring as allowed by weather.

**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 & 4     *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and the minor private or public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. No exceptions to the exemptions apply.

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