



**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: Upper Ranch - Obstacle Course Over/Under
LOCATION: Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area **COUNTY:** San Benito
<https://www.google.com/maps/@36.759955,-121.4070871,16.5z>

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Add an additional 4 x 4 obstacle to the main obstacle course in the Upper Ranch of Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to provide additional challenges for recreational vehicle users. To install this new obstacle, work will full-size excavators, backhoes and dump trucks to:

- Excavate a 5-foot deep by 16-foot wide by 40+ foot long trench;
- Install a 16-foot diameter by 40-foot long metal culvert pipe in the trench;
- Use excavated materials to bury the pipe and build an earthen ramp so that vehicles can drive over the culvert as well as through;
- Bring up to 40 cubic yards of additional, stockpiled, native soil to ensure the ramp is wide enough to make a safe and easy crossing;
- Place additional stockpiled materials, such as concrete blocks, tractor tires, logs, and articulated concrete blocks, to stabilize the culvert and act as barriers; and
- Install four (4) gates and 250 feet of fencing around the new obstacle to direct people safely through the obstacle and to be able to close the obstacle during wet weather or for maintenance purposes.


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:* 1,3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, listed as “Construction and installation of park facilities such as fencing and gates” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4, and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. No exceptions to the exemptions apply.

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