



**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:** Mudstone to the Peak Trail  
**LOCATION:** Fremont Peak State Park and Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area  
**COUNTY:** San Benito

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Modify existing fences and install two (2) gates at Fremont Peak State Park and Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area for the purpose of connecting the two parks' trails systems, via an existing county road, to provide the opportunity for users to hike between these two park units. To install the two (2) gates (one (1) on each existing fence), at each site state park staff will:

- Use hand tools to complete minor trimming and brushing of vegetation;
- Use handheld augers to excavate five (5) 36 inch deep by 24 inch wide holes at each site;
- Install a single 6 inch wide by approx. 8 feet long Peeler Core post in each hole;
- Backfill each pole hole with excavated material to secure;
- Attach the gates and additional materials as needed; and
- Use hand tools to create a few feet of trail that will connect the existing roads to each gate.


**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 construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures, listed as "Construction or 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.

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