



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: High Road Detour

LOCATION: Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area

COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Change the start of both High and Sage Roads at Lower Ranch in Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to change this 2-way traffic thoroughfare into a single direction access route and eliminate sharp, unsafe turns. Project will:

- Use hand tools to cut back vegetation and a dozer and excavator to widen and improve LeRoy’s Trail by 2 feet for approximately 850 feet to make it a drivable connector between High and Sage Roads;
- Excavate four (4) 12 inch diameter x 36 inch deep holes;
- Install two (2) 6 inch diameter x 8 feet long gate posts to install a gate to close off the existing entrance at High Road to public access;
- Move the new start to Sage Road which runs parallel beneath High Road;
- Close off the old entrance to Sage Road and restore to natural contours and cover with downed vegetation and planted with native stock; and
- Install two (2) new signs, 6 inch diameter x 8 feet long, each at Sage and High Roads to inform the public of the closed and new/rerouted road alignment.

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.

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