



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: Amphitheater Unauthorized Bike Trail

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove and rehabilitate unauthorized, user-constructed trails in a remote area of Riggs Canyon in Mount Diablo State Park to prevent erosion, reduce the spread of invasive species and protect natural and cultural resources in the area. Prompt action is necessary to prevent further resource damage and to discourage this type of illegal activity in the future. Work will:

- Use hand tools to de-compact tread and recontour approximately 500 feet of new, unauthorized mountain bike trail to match the natural terrain of the area;
- Hand spread native organic materials to obscure trail from view and minimize erosion;
- Hand spread locally sourced native seed to prevent erosion in areas where native organic material is unavailable; and
- If necessary and feasible, in up to 2 locations, use hand tools to excavate for and install a 4x4 inch sign post and attach signage (two (2) signs total). Use excavated material to backfill post holes.

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 repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and is included as "Construction or installation of park facilities such as signs" and "trail removal" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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