



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:** Fuel Reduction and Air Curtain Burner Staging

**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project will implement high priority fuel reduction work at Mount Diablo State Park to enhance fuel break function of existing roads within the park and establish two (2) air curtain burner staging areas for biomass disposal. Work will use hand and/or power tools to:

- Remove dead, poor vigor, and/or live shrubs in chaparral areas that overlap the dripline of retained trees;
- Fell dead and live trees with poor vigor and reduce ladder fuels to less than two (2) feet in height in woodland areas;
- Cut back dead limbs and live foliage on retained trees up to 10 feet above ground or up to 1/3 of the tree total live foliage, whichever is less;
- Create an approximately 15 feet x 5 feet x 5 feet flat area for FireBox placement and place on-site dirt around the inside edges and bottom behind tires to prevent heat damage to ground; and
- Remove grass, broadleaf plants and shrubs within 100 feet of the Firebox;
- Use licensed pesticide applicators to treat and prevent regrowth of cut shrubs and trees; and
- Dispose of slash as appropriate via chip and scatter on site, lop and scatter, temporarily piled for air curtain burning or chip and haul offsite.

**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 structures, facilities, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels 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 "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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