



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: Experimental Mount Diablo Buckwheat Reintroduction

LOCATION: Marsh Creek State Park & Mount Diablo State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to expand experimental introduction of the Mount Diablo buckwheat (*Erigonoum truncatum*) to Marsh Creek State Park and Mount Diablo State Park. Seed grown at the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden will be used at Mount Diablo State Park, and seed from collected from East Bay Regional Park District Black Diamond Mines population will be used at Marsh Creek State Park. Seeds will be broadcast in GPS-marked plots and monitored for seedling emergence and mature plants. The locations will not be readily visible from public trails, and the locations of the plots will not be made public due to the extreme rarity of this species and sensitivity of the sites.

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:* 6, 33 *Section:* 15306, 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is included as “experimental resource management” in the Department of Parks and Recreation list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and consists of small habitat restoration project not exceeding five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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