



**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: Residential Fencing and Gate Project

LOCATION: Diablo Range District Admin Property

COUNTY: Alameda

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project is to remove and replace the current insufficient gates and wooden and barbed-wire fence surrounding both a residential property and a neighboring state storage facility serving Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area to provide safety for the employee residence and to prevent trespassing at the storage facility. The existing fence will remain in place until the new fence is completed to keep the residence and storage facility secure while the work is being completed. Work will:

To install the new fence:

- Use hand tools and chain saws to remove existing ornamental vegetation along the residence driveway and fence perimeter to maneuver equipment in the yard;
- Use a backhoe and skid steer with auger to excavate a total of up to fifty-one (51) 12-inch diameter by 3-ft deep holes to install 17 H-braces (two holes per) and 17 pipe posts with kickers;
- Use concrete to fill around H-braces and pipe posts up to 2.5 ft of concrete and topped with excavated soils to hide the concrete;
- Use a post pounder to install as many T-posts as necessary to install a total of 14,000 feet of no-climb fence along both sides of the driveway and around the residence and 600 ft of 6-strand barbed wire fencing along Tesla Road to the east and west of the residence and storage facility entrance; and
- Use T-post fence clips to secure the fencing to the posts.

To install 2 electric gates and 2 pipe gates:

- Use a 10-inch auger to excavate six (6) 12-inch diameter by 2-ft deep holes to support 4-inch posts (3 per gate) needed for the installation of two (2) electronic swing gates (one (1) each at the entrance to the residence and the storage facility);
- Excavate one (1) 12-inch wide by 2 ft deep by 45 ft log trench to install 2" electrical conduit and pull wire as necessary for a Traffic Loop communication line and backfill the trench with excavated soils;
- Pour one (1) 3-ft by 3ft concrete pad (on grade) to support the gate controls, battery, control board and solar panel; and
- Replace two (2) existing gates in disrepair with new, steel Powder River gates.

Additional work will grade the flat area directly north of the storage facility to re-establish a once existing road to maneuver heavy equipment in the yard area of the storage facility. To re-establish this road, the area will be graded and AB rock will be laid down.

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, 2, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be placed on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades," and "Construction of 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 minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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