



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:** Gilroy Yamato Hotsprings Fuel Reduction

**LOCATION:** Henry W. Coe State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Clara

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Conduct fuel reduction efforts within the Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs area of Henry W. Coe State Park to reduce the threat of damage from wildland fire and protect the hot springs' historic buildings and structures. Ongoing work will:

- Use hand and power tools to clear the road prism up to a height of 14 feet to create fuel breaks along all historic dirt roads within the site, allowing clearance for future grading;
- Use hand and power tools to thin vegetation under 6-in. diameter at breast height (DBH) and remove dead and downed fuels under 12 inch DBH;
- Remove and dispose of woody material using a chipper and/or pile burns with stacked burn piles no larger than 6 ft. x 6 ft. and processed chip piles no greater than 2 inches deep.

**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 operation, 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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