

State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
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Sacramento, CA 95815

PROJECT TITLE: Mount Diablo North Gate Road Emergency Repairs

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Undertake an emergency road repair project on North Gate Road in Mount Diablo State Park to repair damage from the catastrophic failure of a culvert during the storms of March 2023. The storms caused significant scour down slope of North Gate Road, washing away the entire eastbound lane and a portion of the westbound lane. Continued erosion could cause indefinite closure of the road. To facilitate the reconstruction, work will:

- Temporarily divert an unnamed stream;
- Construct a temporary access road into the drainage corridor;
- Use native soil materials to fill the scoured area in lifts, with geogrid reinforcement fabric between lifts;
- Install riprap, gabion baskets, or large boulders, as necessary, to prevent future scouring;
- Construct a sediment catch basin around the historic CCC-era headwall;
- Install a metal trash rack in the drainage just above and behind the historic headwall;
- Remove road pavement and replace the existing substandard 30-in. culvert with a 48-in. culvert;
- Construct a 6 ft. wide, open stepped channel with a series of gabion baskets; and
- Construct a concrete headwall at the top of the gabion basket slope just below the road.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Emergency Exemption      Section: 15269

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project will maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code.

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