

CEQA # 13975  
District # 23-31



**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:** Historic Stonemasonry Stoves and Picnic Tables Restoration  
**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to continue/expand the 2006 Cultural Stewardship restoration project in the greater Rock City Area and Live Oak Campground at Mount Diablo State Park to restore deteriorated stonemasonry stoves and picnic tables. The expanded work will restore all the remaining CCC-era and Division of Beaches and Parks-era stonemasonry stoves and picnic tables throughout the park. Work will be performed by State Park staff and volunteers who are trained to do this restoration work. Work will:

- Remove damaged and worn metalwork and replace with like materials;
- Replace broken or missing fire bricks and flue pipes;
- Use locally sourced, like-kind native stone to replace missing or damaged stones;
- Use mortar mixed to match the original composition to repoint and replace mortar as necessary; and
- Implement erosion control and stabilization measures, which may include soil grading, in consultation with State Parks Natural and Cultural Resources staff as needed.

**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:**

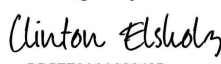
Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 2 & 31

*Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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