

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: Meridian Ridge Cannabis Cultivation Remediation

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

DESCRRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to construct a foot path along Meridian Ridge in Mount Diablo State Park to establish safe ingress/egress for the continued remediation of a now defunct, illicit cannabis grow site. Work will:

- Use chainsaws and hand tools to clear brush 4-inch diameter or larger from approx. 100 meters east of the Meridian Ridge Road staging area to the cultivation plot;
- Collect and remove all trash and dispose of offsite; and
- Survey for invasive plants and dug well remediation

Woody debris will be disposed of in accordance with the Mount Diablo Cal VTP PSA.

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, 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 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 and is included as "Resource management Project" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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