

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency): County of Santa Clara  
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Los Gatos, CA 95032

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County of: Santa Clara  
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(Address)

Project Title: Metcalfe Motorcycle County Park Operations and Maintenance

Project Applicant: County of Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

Project Location - Specific:

Metcalfe Motorcycle County Park, 300 Metcalfe Road, San Jose, CA 95120

Project Location - City: San Jose Project Location - County: Santa Clara

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Metcalfe Motorcycle County Park (MMCP) is a 457-acre OHV park with 22-miles of trails, various tracks, and parking lots located at 300 Metcalfe Road, San Jose, CA 95138, operated by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department (Department). MMCP is located in the grass covered hills of southeast Santa Clara Valley and offers trails for the advanced, intermediate and beginner motorcyclist and ATV rider. In addition to 18.5-miles of trails, the project maintains a novice oval, beginners/novice motocross track, trails areas, motocross track, TT track, ATV track, picnic areas, regulatory and directional signage, and restroom facilities. Additionally, the Ground Operations project consists of trail and road, facility, water systems, and boundary maintenance, conservation activities, and the development and execution of the Habitat Management Plan and Soil Conservation Plan all conducted by parks staff and contract staff, as detailed in the Deliverables section of the grant application. The project will provide for the rental of a motor grader (Cat 120H) equipment and supplies necessary to better maintain the track and trails system and will complete a one-time regulatory sign replacement for weathered signs. MMCP is highly used by residents in the Bay Area who want to access OHV recreational use quickly and easily and do not want to spend an hour or two just getting to a park. Our facility users continually comment on this benefit of our Park and its location. The park is a family destination where multi-generational riders share a day on the track, use the picnic facilities, and explore the natural habitat. MMCP is open to the public Thursday through Monday and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The park is open on ALL holidays that do not fall on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Hours vary seasonally as follows: January 8:00 am-5:00 pm; February 8:00 am-5:30 pm; March 8:00 am-6:00 pm (plus one hour for daylight savings -7:00 pm); April 8:00 am-7:30 pm; May-July 8:00 am-8:00 pm; August 8:00 am-7:30 pm; September 8:00 am-7:00 pm; October 8:00 am-6:30 pm; November 8:00 am-6:00 pm (minus one hour for daylight savings 5:00 pm); and December 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shelan Zuhdi

### Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Article 19, Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is operation and maintenance activities of existing public park facilities, involving no expansion of existing uses or significant environmental impacts. Existing facilities activities (CEQA Sec. 15301) include repair and maintenance of tracks, trails, and other park infrastructure. Minor alterations of land (CEQA Sec. 15304) would include fuel management, minor grading and trenching of existing tracks and trails for maintenance purposes, and re-vegetation of disturbed areas. Track and trail maintenance includes routine maintenance activities that follow established protocols and best management practices to ensure designated tracks and trails are maintained for the safety of all users and protection of natural resources. Information collection activities (CEQA Sec. 15306) would include data collection and resource evaluation to monitor environmental resources and does not result in disturbances to environmental resources.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Shelan Zuhdi Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (669) 288-2774

### If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Shelan Zuhdi Date: 5/21/2024 Title: Natural Resources Planner

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Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_