



**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:** BISRA Solar Training

**LOCATION:** Brannan Island State Recreation Area

**COUNTY:** Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project proposes to install solar panels and complete necessary repairs to eight (8) restrooms at Brannan Island State Recreation Area provide improved facilities to the public, help offset energy costs, and support greener, climate change fighting initiatives within the park. Mott Training Center staff will lead a two-week, hands-on training session on solar installation. They will repair/replace two (2) restroom roofs and install roof-mounted solar arrays and complete work necessary for connection to the grid. State Parks maintenance staff will then lead a small team of parks staff and Greater Valley Conservation Corps corpsmembers in installing solar panels on or near the remaining six (6) comfort stations. On the eight (8) total structures, work will:

- Replace 2 roofs and install solar panels, and connect to the “grid”;
- Remove two (2) non-functional solar water heating structures;
- Remove and replace, as funding allows, the existing inefficient and aging water heaters on 6 of the 8 bathrooms, with tankless models;
- On the restroom at the Boat Launch Station, due to excessive shading by nearby trees, install the solar either on a nearby structure and trench (up to 4-ft deep) for an electrical line, or excavate to pour a 20-ft x 10-ft x 4-in. concrete pad, install support poles (no more than 6-ft high, with up to 5-ft buried), and attach the solar array; and
- Where necessary, trim nearby trees away from roofs.

**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, 3 & 4

*Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, 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, listed as “Utility repairs or minor upgrades” and “reroofing” in the department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; 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.

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