



**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:** California Red Legged Frog Breeding Habitat Restoration

**LOCATION:** Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area      **COUNTY:** San Benito

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project proposes to construct wildlife-friendly fences and engage in vegetation restoration around two (2) sediment retention basins in Hollister Hills State Vehicular Area to restore habitat for California Red Legged Frogs.

Work will use fence post drivers, hole diggers and/or two-person augers and other minor hand tools to install a total of 1,600ft of fencing; 550 ft around Tule Lake retention basin and 1,100ft around Woop-de-doo retention basin). Signage to deter human activity within the fenced areas will be attached to the fencing. After the fences are installed, both areas will be revegetated with trees sourced from the in-house nursery and selected to match adjacent vegetation. Biological Monitoring will occur during ground disturbing activities.

Monitoring for amphibian presence/absence, plant survival, erosion or unauthorized OHV activities will occur on a regular basis.

**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, 3 & 4      *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; 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 are included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as fencing, signs" and "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4. No exceptions to the exemption apply.

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